

Statutes
made in the Parliamente,
begon at Westminster the fourthe
daie of Nouembze, in the firste yere
of the reigne of our moste dread so-
ueraigne Lorde EDWARD the
VI. By the grace of God, kyng of
Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande,
defendour of the faith, and of the
Churche of Englande, and al-
so of Irelande, in yeaethe
the supremie hed: and
from thence con-
tinued to the
xxiii. daie of
Decembre
then next ensu-
ing, that is to late,
in the first Session of
the same Parlia-
mente, as fo-
loweth.

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Cap. i.



He Kynges mooste excellent
 Maiestie, myndyng the gouernaunce
 and ordre of hys mooste louyng subiec-
 tes, to bee in mooste perfyte vnitie and
 concorde in all thynges, & in especiall,
 in the true fayth and relygion of God,
 and wishyng thesame to bee broughte
 to passe with all clemencie and merceye
 on his hyghnes parte towardes them,
 as his mooste princely serenitye & Ma-
 iestye hath already declared by euidēt
 profe, to thintēt & his most louyng sub-
 iectes, prouoked by clemencie & good-

nes of theyr Prince & Kyng, shal studye rather for loue then for feare, to
 do theyr dueties, fyrst to almighty God, and then to hys highnes & the
 common wealth, nourishyng concord and loue emong themselves: yet
 considreth and percepueth, that in a multitude all bee not on that sorte,
 that reason and the knowledge of their dueties can moue them from
 offence, but many whyche had nede haue some bydle of feare, and that
 thesame be men moost contencious and arrogant for the moost part, or
 els moost blynde and ignoraunt: By the meanes of whyche sorte of mē,
 many thynges well and Godly instituted, and to the edification of ma-
 ny, be peruerterd and abused, and turned to their awn and others great
 losse and hynderaunce, and sometyne to extreme destruction: The why-
 che doth appere in nothyng moze or soner, then in matters of religion,
 and in the greate and high mysteries thereof, as in the mooste comforta-
 ble Sacrament of the body and blood of our sauour Iesu Christ, com-
 monly called the Sacrament of the Altar, and in scripture the* Sup-
 per and† Table of the Lorde, the* Communion and† Partakyng of the
 body and blood of Christ: whych Sacrament was instituted of no lesse
 aucthor then of our sauour bothe God and man, when at his last sup-
 per emongest his Apostles he did take the bread into his holy handes,
 and did saye: *Take you and eate, This is my body, vvhych is† Geuen and
 Broken for you. And takyng by the† Chalice or cup, dyd Geue than-
 kes and saye: Thys is my blood of the newe Testament vvhych is shed
 for† you and for* Many, for the† Remission of synnes, that* Whensoever
 wee should doo thesame, wee should do it in the remembraunce of hym,
 and to declare and sette furthe his death and mooste glozious Passiō
 vntyll his comyng. Of the whiche† Bread, whosoever, eateth, or of the
 whyche Cuppe whosoever drynketh vnworthely, eateth and drynketh

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 †1. Cor. 8.
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 †Luce. 22.
 *1. Cor. 11.
 †Mat. 26.
 †Mat. 14.
 *Mat. 14.
 †Luce. 21.
 *Mat. 14.
 †Mat. 26.
 *1. Cor. 11.

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condempnation and iudgement to hymselfe, makynge no difference of the Lordes body. The institution of whiche Sacrament, beyng ordeyned by Christ, as is beforesayd, and thesayd woordes spoken of it here before reherfed, beyng of eternall infallible, and vndoubted truth: yet the sayd Sacrament (all thys notwithstanding) hath been of late, incruellously abused by suche maner of me befoze reherfed, who of wickednes, or els of ignorance, and want of learnyng, for certayn abuses heretofore committed of some, in misusyng therof, haue condempned in theyr hartes and speche, the whole thyng, and contemptuously depzaued, despysed, or reuiled thesame moste holy and blessed Sacrament, and not onely disputed and reasoned vntreuerently and vngodly, of that moste hygh mistery, but also in their sermons, preachynges, readynges, lectures, communications, argumentes, talkes, rimes, songes, playes, or gesstes, name or call it, by suche vile and vnsemlly woordes, as chustian eates do abhorre to heare reherfed: for reformation wherof, be it enacted by the kynges hyghnes, wyth thassent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and of the commons in thys present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that whatsoeuer person or persones, from, and after the fyrst daye of May next comynge, shall depzaue, despise, or contempne thesayd moste blessed Sacrament, in cōtempt thereof, by any contemptuous woordes, or by any woordes of depzaunyng, despysyng or reuilyng: or what persone or persones, shall aduisedly, in any other wyse contempne, despise or reuyle thesayd moste blessed Sacrament, cōtrary to theeffectes and declaracion abouesayd, that then he, or they shall suffre imprisonment of hys, or their bodies, and make fyne and raunsoine, at the kynges will and pleasure.

And for full and effectuall execution of the premisses befoze deuised, ordeyned and enacted by this acte: be it furthermoze enacted by the aucthoritie of this present parliament, that immediatly after the fyrste daye of May next comynge, the Iustices of peace, or thre of them at the least, wherof one of them to be of the Quorum, in euery shire of thys realme, and Wales, and all other places, wythin the kynges dominions, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte, aswell to take information and accusation by the othes and depositions, of twoo habble, honest and lefull persones at the least, and after such accusation or information so had to inquire by the othes of twelue men in euery their foure quarter Sessions yerely to bee holden, of all and synguler suche accusations or informations, to bee had, or made of any of the offences abouesayd, to be committed or doen, after thesayd fyrste daye of May, wythin the limites of their cōmission: and that vpon euery suche accusation and information, the offendor and offendors shalbe inquired of, and indicted, befoze thesayd Iustices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is aforesayd, of thesayd contemptes & offences, by the verdict of twelue honeste and indifferent men, if the matter of thesayd accusation and

tion and information shall seme to thesaied Jury, good and true.

And it is also further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the saied Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is aforesaid, before whom, any suche presentment, information, and accusation shalbe made or taken, as is aforesaid, shall examine the accusors, what other witnes were by, and present, at the tyme of doyng and committynge of the offence: whereof the information, accusation, and presentment shalbe made, & howe many others then the accusors, haue knowledg therof: and shall haue power and aucthoritie by their discretions, to bynde by recognisaunce to be taken before theym, aswell thesaied accusors, as all such other persones, whom thesaie accusors shall declare to haue knowledg of the offences, by them presented and informed, euery of them in v.l. to þ kyng, to appere before thesaied Justices of peace, before whome the offendor or offendors, shalbe tried at the daye of triall and deliuerance of suche offendors.

And it is further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that thesaied Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is aforesaid, by vertue of thys acte, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to make processe against euery person and persones so indicted by two Capias and an exigent, and by Capias utlagat, aswell within the limites of theire commissiõ, as into all other shires and places of this realme, Wales and other the kinges dominions, aswell wythin the liberties as without, and thesaie processe to be good and effectual in the lawe, to all intentes, constructiõs and purposes: And vpon the apparaunce of any of thosendors, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by vertue of this acte, and the commissiõ of peace, to determine the contemptes and offences aforesaid, accordyng to the lawes of thys realme, and effectes of this acte: and that thesaied Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, as is abouesaid, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, to let any suche persone or persones so indicted, vpon sufficient suerties by their discretions, to bayll for their apparaunce, to bee tried accordyng to the tenor, forme and effectes of this acte.

Provided alwaies, and be it enacted, that thesaied Justices of peace, or thre of them at the least, at their quarter Sessions, where any offendor or offendors shalbee, or stande indicted of any of the contemptes or offences abouesaid, shal direct and award one writte in the kynges name, to the Bishop of the diocesse, wherin thesaied offence or offences are supposed to be committed or doen: wyllyng and requirynge thesaied Bishoppe, to bee in his awne persone, or by his Chauncellour, or other hys sufficient deputie learned, at the quarter Sessions in thesaied countie to be holden, when, and where thesaied offendor shalbe arraigned and tried, appoyntyng to them in thesaied writte, the daye and place of thesaied arraignment, whiche writte shalbe of this forme: Rex &c. Epõ. L. salutem, Præcipimus tibi, quod tu, Cancellarius tuus, vel alius deputatus

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tunis sufficient, eruditus, sitis cum iustitiarijs nostris ad pacem, in com̃ nostro;
B. conferend, assignat, apud D. tali die, ad sessionem nostrā, ad tunc & ibm̃
tenend, ad dand, consilium & aduisament, eijsdem iustitiarijs nostris ad pa-
cem, super arranament. & deliberationem offendenc, contra formā statuti,
concernen, sacrosanctum sacramentum altaris.

Provided allwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie abovesayd,
that no persone or persones, shalbe indicted of anye the contemptes or
offences abovesayd, but onely of suche contemptes or offences, as shal-
be doen, or perpetrated, within thye monethes, next after thesayd offen-
ces, or offence, so committed or doen.

And bee it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that in all
trialles for anye suche offendours, before thesayd Justices, as is afore-
sayd, the persone or persones, being cōplayned on, and arraigned, shal-
be admitted to purge or trie, his, or their innocentie, by asmany, or mo
wytnesses in numbze, and of as good honestie and credence, as the wytn-
esses be, whyche deposed against hym, or theim, or any of them.

And forasmuch as it is more agreable, bothe to the firste institution
of thesayd Sacrament of the mooste precious body and blood of oure
sauoure Iesus Christe, and also more conformable to the common vse
and practise, bothe of the Apostles, and of the primatiue Church, by the
space of fivie hundzeth yeares and more, after Christes Ascention, that
thesayd blessed Sacrament should be ministered to al christian people,
vnder bothe the kyndes of breade and wyne, then vnder the forme of
breade onelye: and also it is more agreable, to the fyrste institution of
Christe, and to the vlage of the Apostles, and the primatiue Church,
that the people beyng present, shoulde receyue thesame wyth the priest,
then that the priest shoulde receyue it alone: Therfore, be it enacted by
our souereygne Lord the Kyng, wyth the consent of the lordes spiritual
and tempozall, and the commons in this present Parliament asssembled,
and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesayd mooste blessed Sacra-
ment, be hereafter commonly delyuered and ministered vnto the people,
wythin this Church of Englande and Irelande, and other the kynges
dominions, vnder bothe the kyndes, that is to saye, of bzcad and wyne,
excepte necessitie otherwyle require: And also, that the priest, whych shal
minister thesame, shal, at the least one daye before, exhorte all persones,
whyche shalbe present, likewyle to resorte, and prepare themselves to re-
ceyue thesame. And when the daye prefixed commeth, after a Godly ex-
hortacion by the minister made (wherin shalbe further expressed the be-
nefite and comfort promised to them, whyche worthely receyue thesayd
holy Sacrament: and daunger and indignation of God, thzcatened to
theym, whyche shal presume, to receyue thesame vnworthely, to the ende
that euery man maye trye and examyne hys awnc conscience, beioze ho
shal receyue thesame) thesayd minister shal not, without a lawfull cause,
deny thesame to anye persone, that wyll deuoutly and humbly desire it,
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any lawe, statute, ordinaunce or custome, contrary therunto, in any wyse not wythstandyng: not condempnyng hereby, the blage of any Church out of the kynges Maiesties dominions.

CAn acte for the election of Bishoppes, and what Seales and Style, they, and other Spirituall persones, exercisynge Jurisdiction ecclesiasticall, shall vse.

Cap.ii.



For asmuche as the Elections of Tharchebishoppes and Bishoppes, by the Deanes and Chapiters, wythin the kynges Maiesties realmes of England and Irelande, at this presente tyme, be aswell to the longe delaye, as to the greate costes and charges of suche persons, as the kynges Maiestie geueth any Archebishoppiche or bishoppiche vnto: And where as the sayde elections, be in verie dede, no elections, but onely by a writte of Conge deslier, haue colourcs, shadowes, or pretences of elections, seruyng neuertheles to no purpose, and seming also derogatorie & preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royall, to whome onelye apperteyneth the collation and gyfte of all Archebishoppiches, and Bishoppiches, and Suffragayn bishoppes, wythin hys highnes sayde Realmes of Englande, and Irelande, Wales, & other his Dominions and Marches: For a due reformation hereof, Be it therfore enacted by the kynges highnes, wyth thassent of the Lordes spirituall & tempozall, & the comons in thys presente Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, that from hensfurthe, no suche Conge deslier be graunted, nor election of anye Archebishope or Bishope, by the Deane and chapter made: but that the kynge maye, by hys letters patentcs at all tymes, when anye Archebishoppiche, or Bishoppiche be voyde, conferre the same to anye persone, whome the kynge shall thynke mete. The whyche collation so by the kynges letters patentcs made, and deliuered to the person, to whom the kynge shall confer the same Archebishoppiche or Bishoppiche, or to hys sufficient proctour and attorneye, shall stande to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, to asmuch, and the same effecte, as thoughe Conge deslier had bene geuen, the election dueli made, & thesame confirmed: And that, vpon that the sayde person, to whom, thesaide Archebishoppiche, Bishoppiche, or Suffraganhippe is so conferred, collated, or geuen, maye be consecrated, and sue his lyue-rye or ouster le mayne, and doo other thynges, aswel as if al the said Ceremonies and elections had bene done and made.

Provided alwayes, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, That euery suche person, to whom, any collation or gyfte of any Archebishoppiche, Bishoppiche, or Suffraganhippe, shalbe geue or collated, by the kynge, hys heyrres, or successours, shall paye, doo, and yelde to all and

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every pcrson, all such fees, interestes, and dueties, as of olde tyme haue bene accoustomed to be done: any thyng in thys Acte, or in anye other, to the contrary hereof in any wyse notwithstanding.

And where as the Archebischoppes and Bischoppes, and other spirituall persons in thys Realme, do vse to make and sende out their Sommons, Citations, and other processe in their awne names, and in suche forme and maner, as was vsed in the tyme, of the vsurped power of the Bischoppe of Rome contrary to the forme and order of the Sommons and processe of the common lawe, vsed in this Realme: Seynge that all auctoritie of iurisdiction spirituall and temporal, is deriued and deducted from the Kinges Maestie, as supzeme head of theis Churches and Realmes of Englande and Irelande, & so iustelye acknowledged by the Cleargie of the sayd Realmes: And that al courtes Ecclesiasticall, within the sayde twoo Realmes, be kepte by no other power, or auctoritie, either foreyne, or within the realme, but by his auctoritie of his moste excellent Maestie: Be it therfore further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all Sommons, and Citations, or other processe ecclesiasticall, in all suites and causes of instaunce, betwixte partie & partie, in all causes of correctio, in all causes of bastardye, or bigamie, or enquirie de iure patronatus, probates of testaments, and commissions of administration, of persons deceased, and all acquitaunces, of, & vpon accomptes, made by the exequutours, administratours, or collectours of gooddes, of anye deade person, be, from the firste daye of Iulye nexte folowynge, made in the name, and with the stile of the kynge, as it is in writtes originall, or iudiciall at the comon lawe: And that the reste threof, be in the name of the Archebischoppe, or Bischoppe, or other, haupynge ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, who hath the comission and graunte of the auctoritie ecclesiasticall ynnediatlie from the Kynges highnes, and that his commissarie, officiall, or substitute exercisynge iurisdiction vnder him, shall putte his name in the citation, or processe after the reste.

Furthermore, be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that all maner of person or persons, who hath the exercise of ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, shall haue, from the firste day of Iulye before expressed, in their scales of office, the kynges highnes armes, decentelye sette withe certayn carettes vnder the armes, for the knowledge of the diocesse: And shall vse no other seale of iurisdiction, but wherin his maesties armes be engrauen, vpon payne, that yf any person shall vse ecclesiasticall iurisdiction (after the day before expressed) in thys Realme of England, Wales, and other his Dominions or territoryes, and not sende, or make out the citation or processe in the Kynges name, or vse anye seale of iurisdiction, other then before limited: that euery suche offendour shall incurre, and runne in the Kynges maesties displeasure, and indignation, and suffer imprisonmente at his highnes wille and pleasure.

Wherby all wayes, that no more, nor other fees, be taken, or payed for the

for the Seale and writtinge of anye citations, or other processe, then was heretofore accustomed.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the Archebishoppe of Canturburye, for the tyme beyng, shal be his awne seale, and in his awne name, in all faculties & dispensations, accordyng to the tenor of an Acte thercof made: and that the sayde Archebishoppes and Bischoppes, shal make, admitte order, & reforme, their Chauncellours, Officialles, Commissaries, Advocates, Proctours, and other their officers, ministers, & substitutes, and commissions to Suffragan Bischoppes in theyr awne names, vnder their awne seales, in suche manner & forme, as they haue heretofore vsed: & shal certifie to the courte of Centhes, their certificates vnder their awne names, & seales, as heretofore they haue vsed, and accordyng to the statute in that case made and provided: and likewise shal make collations, presentations, giftes, institutions, and inductions of benefices, letters of orders, or dimissories, vnder their awne names & seales, as they haue heretofore accustomed: Any thyng in this acte contened, to the contrarie notwithstanding.

Provided allwayes, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all processe hereafter to be made, or awarded by anye ecclesiasticall person, or persons, for the triall of any plea, or pleas, or matter dependyng, or that hereafter shal depende, in any of the kynges courtes of recorde at the commo law, and limited by the lawes & customes of this realme, to the spirituall courtes, to tye the same: that the certificat of the same, after the triall thereof, shalbe made in the kynges name, for the tyme beyng, and wyth the style of the same kyng, and vnder the seale of the Bishoppe graued wyth the kynges armes, with the name of the Bishoppe, or spirituall officer, beyng to the reste of the same processe and certificat, and to euery of them.

CAn acte for the punishinge of vagabondes, and for the relief of the pooze and unpotent persons.

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Or asynuche as ydlenes & vagabondrye is the mother and roote of all theftes, robberies, and all cuill actes, & other mischiefes, and the multitude of people geuen thereto, hath allwayes bene here wythin this Realme, verie great, and moze in numbze, (as it may appere) then in other regions, to the greate empouerishement of the Realme, and daungier of the kynges hyghnes Subiectes: The whyche ydlenes and vagabondrye, all the kynges hyghnes noble progenitours, kynges of thys Realme, and thys hyghe Court of Parliament, hath often and wyth greate trauayle, gone aboute, and assayed wyth godlie actes and Statutes, to represse: Yet vntyll thys our tyme, it hath not had that successe,

successes, whych hath bene wished, but partlie by foolyshe pytie, & mercye of them, whych should haue sene the sayde godlie lawes executed, partlie by the peruerse nature, and longe accustomed ydlenes of the persons, geuen to loytringe, the sayde godlye Statutes, hitherto hath had smal effecte, and ydle & vagabonde persones, beyng vnprofitable men= bres, or rather ennemyes of the comon wealthe, hath bene suffered to re= mayne and encrease, and yet so do: Whom, yf they shoulde be punished by death, whippingge, emprisonement, or wyth other corporall payne, it were not wythout theyr desertes, for the example of others, and to the benefite of the comon wealthe, Yet yf they could be brought to be made profitable, and do seruice, it were muche to be wished and desyred: Be it therfore enacted by the Kynges hyghnes, wyth the cōsente of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons in thys present Parlia= ment assembled, & by aucthorite of thesame, fyrst that al statutes, & actes of parliament, heretofore made for the punishment of vagabōdes and sturdy beggers, and al articles compysed in thesame, shalbe from hens= furthe repealed, voyde and of none effecte.

Secondlye, that whosoever, after the fyrste daye of Aprill nexte folo= wyng, Man or woman, beyng not lame, impotent or so aged, or diseased wyth lyckenes, that he or she cannot worke, not hauing Lādes or Tene= mentes, fees, Annuyties, or anye other yerely reuenues or proffytes, whereon they may fynde sufficientlye theyr lyuinge, shal, eyther lyke a scrupnge man wantynge a Master, or lyke a begger, or after anye other suche sorte, be lurkynge in any house, or houses, or loytringe, or ydlelye wander by the hygge wayes syde, or in Strete, in Cyties, Townes, or Villages, not applynge thein selfe to some honeste, and allowed Arte, Science, Seruice, or labor, & so do continue by the space of thre dayes or more together, & not offer them selves to labor with any that wyl take them, accorpyng to theyr facultie, and yf no man other wyle wyl take them, doo not offer them selves to worke for meate & drinke, or after they be so taken to worke for the space agreed betwixte them and theyr Ma= sters, do leaue theyr worke, out of cōueniente tyme, or runne away: that then euery such person, shalbe taken for a vagabonde, and that it shalbe lawfull to euery suche Master, offerynge suche ydle person, seruice, and labor, and that beyng by hym refused, or who hath agreed wyth suche ydle person, and from whome, wythin the space agreed of Seruice, the sayde loyterer hath runne away, or departed before the ende of the cou= naunte betwene them, & to any other person espyng the same, to bring or cause to be brought the sayde person, so lyuyng ydlelye and loytrin= gye, to two of the nexte iustices of the peace, there ressaunte or abidyng, who hearyng the profe of the ydle lyuyng of the sayde persone, by the sayde space lyuyng ydlelye, as is aforesayde, approued to them by two honest wytnesses, or confession of the partie, shal ymmediatlye cause the sayd loyterer to be marked, wyth an hoate pzon in the breste, the marke
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of. V. and adiudge thesaied persone liuyng so idly to suche presentoz, to bee his slaue: to haue and to holde thesaied slaue to hym, his Exequ-
tors, or Assignes, for the space of twoo yeres then nexte followyng, and
to ordeyne thesaied slaue, as followeth: that is to saie, to take suche persone
adiudged a slaue, with him, and onely geuyng thesaied slaue, bread and
water, or small drynke, and suche refuse of meate, as he shall thynke
mete, cause thesaied slaue to worke, by beatyng, cheynyng, or otherwise,
in suche worke and laboz, (how vile so euer it be) as he shall putte hym
vnto. And if any maner of slaue, either for loyterynge, or for the cause be-
fore reherfed, so adiudged, shall within the space of thesaied twoo yeres
here appointed, runne awaie, depart, or absent hym from his said Ma-
ster by the space of fourtene daies together, without licence: it shall not
onely be lesfull to his saied Master, to pursue, and fetche hym again, by
vertue of this acte, but also to punishe suche faulte, by cheynes, or bea-
tyng, as is aforesaid: and against the deteignoz, if any man do willyn-
gly deteigne hym, knowyng hym to be a slaue, as is aforesaid, to haue
an accion of Trespasse, and recouer thereby in dammages, tenne poun-
des, besides the costes and charges of the suyte, for so deteignyng his
saied slaue. And further, enery suche Master, shewyng and prouyng by
twoo sufficient witneses, thesaied offence or fault of his runnyng awaie
before twoo Iustices of Peace, of thesame Countie, whereof the one to
be of the Quorum, thesame Iustices shall cause suche slaue or loyterer,
to be marked on the forehead, or the ball of the cheke, with an hoate pzon
with the signe of an S. that he maie be knowne for a loyterer and a rune
awaie, and shall adiudge the loyterer, and runne awaie to bee thesaied
Masters slaue for euer. And if suche slaue shall the seconde tyme runne
awaie, or absent hymself, if thesaied Master shall approue thesame se-
conde runnyng awaie, with twoo sufficient witneses, before the Ju-
dice of Peace, in their general and quarter Sessions: then euery suche
faulte and runnyng awaie, to bee adiudged felony, and suche loyterer
and runne awaie, to bee taken as a felon, and thereof beyng lawfully
indicted, and attainted, or otherwise condempned, to suffre peynes of
death, as other felons ought to do.

Provided also, and bee it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that no
clerke conuict, shall hereafter make his purgacion, and by soe suche pur-
gacion be deliuered, and sette at large, otherwise then is in this statute
hereafter expessed.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery clerke
conuict, or hereafter to be conuict, whiche should, by the ordeyne of the
lawe, enioye the benefite of their purgacion, shall, and maie from hence-
furthe finde any man (if they can) who shall be bound with two sufficient
sureties, to the Ordinary, in the summe of twentie poundes to the kyn-
ges highnes vse, to reteigne thesaied conuict, as his slaue, and to kepe
thesaied persone so conuict, for the space of one yere then next folowyng,
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that he shall not go abroad, and at large: and then the said convict shall be delivered to the said person, so taking the same, and being bound, as is aforesaid, to be his slave, for one whole year, then next following, by virtue of this act, in all such manner and form, and to all such intents and purposes, and with all such order, laws, conditions, and penalties, for running away, or other, as is aforesaid of a vagabond, take livery and made a slave, (burning in the breast only except:) and the ordinary by the delivery of the said convict, to such person being bound, as aforesaid, to be of the keeping of the said convict, clerely discharged and exonerated by virtue of this act.

And if so be, that the said clerk so convicted, cannot finde any man, to be bound, as is aforesaid, to whom he may be adjudged a slave, in the space of one year: Then at any tyme, after the ende of one year, after his conviction, it shall be lawfull for the said clerk convicted, to make his purgacion, as he might before this estatute, any thyng in this present act to the contrary notwithstanding.

And where as clerkes convicted or attainted, by the order of the laws of this realme, cannot make their purgacion, and should perpetually, by the same, remain in prison: bee it nevertheless enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if there bee any manner of person, who will at any tyme demand the same clerk convicted or attainted, and be bound to the Ordinary with two sufficient sureties, as is above written, to kepe the same as his slave, by the space of v. years then next following, that then the same shall be adjudged his slave, for like space, with all such orders, laws, and penalties, for running away, and other orders, as is before expressed of a vagabond, adjudged to any man, for a slave (the burning in the breast only except) and upon the adjudgement delivered to such demandant, the Ordinary from thenceforth of the keeping of such clerk convicted or attainted, clerely exonerated and discharged by virtue of this act.

And forasmuche, as diuerse women and men, goeth on begging maiming, of the which, some be impotent and lame, & some habile enough to labor, which do carry children aboute with them, some foure or five years of age, or younger, or elder, which brought up in idleness, might be so rooted in it, that hardely they may be brought after, to good thrift and labor: or if any childe, above the age of five years, and under the age of xiii. years, go idely wanderyng aboute as a vagabond: be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any manner of person, will take any such child, be it male or female, of, and from any such begger, being the mother therof, nouricer, or keeper, whether they bee willing, or not, or without any such nourice, mother, or keeper, by hymself wanderyng, and bring the said child so taken away, before one of the constables of the parish, and two other honest and discrete neighbors, witnesses, and before any Justice of peace, there resident, and abiding, and

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promysse to bypunge thesame chylde vp in some honest labor, or occupa-
tion, tyll he, or she come to the age of .xx. yeres the womā childe, or .xxiii.
the man chylde: That then, and immediatly thesaiyd iustice of peace and
constable, shall adiudge, by vertue of this acte, thesaiyd chylde vnto the
ages befoze specyfied, to be seruauntes or apprenticelle to thesaiyd per-
sones, so takyng and promisyng, to be vled and ordered in all poyntes,
accozdyng as the lawe and custome of this Realme, is of seruautes and
apprentices, to what labor, occupation, or seruice so euer, thesaiyd Ma-
ster shall apponte him, or her, duryng thesaiyd tyme. And yf it shall for-
tune suche chylde so adiudged, to runne awaye at any tyme, once, or mo-
tymes, from his, or her master, or maistres: that then it shalbe lawful for
euery such master, to take thesaiyd chylde agayne, and to kepe & punishe
thesaiyd chylde, in chepnes, or otherwise, & vse him, or her, as his slaue, in
all poyntes, for the tyme befoze reherled of the age of such chylde, that is
to saye, tyll twentie the woman chylde, and the man chylde. .xxiii.

Prōvided alwayes, that any Master, either of the men, or of the wo-
men, so adiudged slaues, or of the children adiudged apprentices or ser-
uauntes, maye lette, setfurthe, sell, bequeathe, or geue the seruice & labor
of suche slaues or seruauntes, so adiudged, as is afozesaiyd, to any per-
son, or persones, to whom so euer he wyll, vpon suche condition, and for
suche tyme of yeres, as thesaiyd persons be adiudged to him, for slaues,
seruauntes, or apprentices, after suche lyke sort and maner, as he maye
do of any other his moueable gooddes or cattalles: and they for thesaiyd
space and tyme, to be bounde to all poyntes and constructions, to suche
lessee, donee, vendee, or assignee, as they were to their first apprehenders,
and Masters, by vertue of this statute.

Prōvided alwayes, and be it enacted by auctoritie afozesaiyd, that if
any such slaue, or slaues, or chylde, so adiudged, shall at any tyme after
such adiudgemēt, mayme, or wounde their masters or maistresses, in re-
sistynge their corrections, or otherwys: or where they be Manumitted,
and set agayne free, or in the tyme of their seruice, shall cōspire with any
other, or by themselves go about to murder & kyl, or to mayme, wounde,
or beate thesaiyd Master or Maistres, or any that was their Master or
Maistres, or to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente
come to an acte tendyng to the effecte: that then euerye suche mayme or
wounde, or the goyng about to murder, kille, mayme, wounde, or beate
suche person or persons, as be, or were their Masters or Maistresses, or
to burne their houses, barnes, or corne, so that their entente doo come to
any acte, tendyng to thesame effecte, as lyng in wayte with a weapon, or
any such like, shalbe accompted felonie, & they shall suffer therfoze pay-
nes of death, as in case of felonie: excepte that any suche person or per-
sons, as be, or had bene Master or Maistres to anye of them, or he refu-
syng, any other wyll take such person so offending, to their slaues, & then
he, or she so offending, to be adiudged to þ person, so willing to take him

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or her, so offendyng, slaue for euer, and therupon to be discharged of the felonie. Thesame lawe & ordet to be had in all condicions, yf it shoulde chaunce the father, mother, nourice, or other þ bearer about of the childe, or any other person, or persons, to steale away such childe adiudged apprentice or seruaute, that is, to be slaue to such apprentices or seruautes master, whose apprentice or seruaute was so stollen or entiled away, for euer: & the master neuertheles to take and receyue hys sayde apprentice or seruaunt agayn, as yf thesayde takyng away had neuer be done.

Be it also enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that although ther be no man, which shal demaunde such loyterer, or loyterers, as befoze expressed, into their seruice: Yet neuertheles the iustice of peace in that Citie, Borough, Towne, or Hundred dwelling, if any such be, or els any other iustice of peace of thesame shyre, & also there dwelling, by his, or their office, shalbe hereafter bound, by vertue of this acte, not onely to enquire of all such ydle persons, but also, yf they do espie any such vagabondes, or ydle person, or yf any such be detected vnto them, to examine him, or her, of the tyme of their vagaboundye: & yf, it shal appere to any iustice of peace, any such man, or womā, to haue been a vagaraunt & vagabound, or ydle person, by the space, as is aforesayd, to cause thesame to be marked on the brcast with an. V. made with an hoate pzon. and also to learne and enquire of him, the Towne, Citie, or Village, wherein he was borne, and then shal immediatly geue a wrytyng in parchemēte sealed with his seale, to thesayd loyterer, of the tenor and forme, which here ensueth. A. B. iustice of peace in the countie of. S. to the Mayor, or chiefe officer of the Citie of. Q. yf it be a Citie: or to the head Borough Bailie, or Constable, or head officer of þ Towne of. Q. yf it be a Towne: or to the Constable or Tythingeman of the Village of. C. if it be a Village, gretyng. Accordyng to a moste goodlye statute, made in the fyrst yere of the reigne of oure Soueraigne Lorde kynge Edward the sixte, ac. We haue taken this bearer. I. K. vagarantely, & to the euell example of others, without master, seruice, or labo, whereby to gette hys liuyng, goyng loyterynge ydely about. And because thesame saith, he was borne in. C. in the countie of. S. wherof you are the head officer or Constable: We haue sent him to you to be ordred accordyng to the purposse and effecte of thesame statute. And with this wrytyng, shal deliuer thesame loyterer to the constables, or other heade officer of thesayd Citie, Towne, or Village, wherein such loyterer was taken, to be safely coueighed by them, to the next constable, & so from constables to constables, & other heade officers, tyl he or she be brought to the place, the which, he, or she hath named themselves to be borne in, & then to be deliuered to the head officer or constable of that same Citie, Borough, or Towne, Village, Hamlette, or Parrish, ther to be nourished and kepte of thesame Citie, Towne, or Village in cheynes, or otherwyle, either at the common workes in amending high waies, or other comon worke, or fro man to mā in order tyl they which may beare, be equally

be equally charged, to bee slaue to the corporacion of the citie, or to the inhabitauntes of the toun, or village, that he, or she, wer bozne in, after al suche forme, condicion, space of yeres, orders, punishmentes for runnyng awaie, and all others, as are expessed of a comunō, or priuate person, to whom any suche loyterer is adiudged a slaue. And thesaid citie toun, or village, shall see thesaid slaue beyng hable to labor, sette on woork, and not lue idely within thesaid precinctes, vpon pain, that for euery suche default, that thesaid slaue dooth lue idely, by the default of the citie, borough, or toun, or village, by the space of thre woorkyng daies together, the citie to forfeit. v. l. a borough, or toun incorporate. xl. s. and other toun or village. xx. s. wherof the one hault to the kyng our soueraigne Lorde, the other to hym that will sue for the same, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, by bill, informacion, or accion of debte, in the whiche suites, no esoyne, wager of lawe, or proceccion shalbe allowed.

Prōvided, and be it enacted, that the citie, toun, and borough incorporate, by the consent of the more part of the corporaciō: and the toun and village not incorporate, by the consent of the more parte of the inhabitauntes thereof, maie set, sell, or geue awaie, the right, title and interest of thesaid slaue, to any other person, as any other common or priuate person maie do, with his slaue, by the vertue of this acte.

Prōvided alwaies, and be it enacted, that if it fortune, when thesaid vagabond is brought to thesaid citie, toun, or village, where thesaid person said, he was bozne, to appere and bee manifest, that he or she was not there bozne: that then for suche ye, thesaid vagaraunt shalbe marked in the face with an. s. and be slaue to the inhabitauntes, or corporacion of the citie, toun, or village, where thesaid vagaraunt said he was bozne in, for euer, vpo suche condicions, & orders, in al pointes, as of a slaue marked in the face, is before expessed. The same lawe, & orde in all poyntes to be had of all vagaraunt persons, & vagabondes, beyng bozne in any other naciō or countrey, then this realme, as is before expessed, of Englishe idle persons, (markyng in the brest or face only excepted) that is, to be had to the next port, and ther to be kept of the inhabitauntes of thesaid next port, in cōuenient labor, and frō idleness, or otherwise, till thei maie be conueighed ouer: & then at the costes of the inhabitauntes of thesaid port, to be conueighed ouer into their countreis.

And for asmuche as there is many maymed & otherwile lamed, soze, aged and impotent persones, whiche resorteth to the citie of London, & to other cities, townes, and villages, on beggyng: whose cōpyng together, and makyng a nūbre, doth fill the stretes or high waies, of diuerse cities, townes, markettes, and fairs, who, if thei wer seperated, mought easely be nourished in the townes and places, wherin thei wer bozne, or where thei were, or haue been moste conuerlaunte and abidyng by the space of thre yeres: be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid,

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that all and singuler Maiours, Shieriefes, Bayliifes, Constables, or other hedde officers of any citie, toun, or hundreth, to whiche, suche resort is, or shalbe, shall, before the Purification of our Lady next following, le all suche idle, impotent, maymed, and aged persones, who otherwise cannot by their discrecions bee taken for vagabondes, whiche were bozne within thesaied citie, toun, or hundred, or hath been there moste conuersaunt and abidyng by the space of thre yeres, as is aforesaid, and now decated, bestowed and prouided for, of tenauntries, Cottages, or other conuenient houses, to be lodged in, at the costes & charges of thesaied cities, townes, boroughes, and villages, there to be releued and cured, by the deuocion of the good people, of thesaied citie, borough, toun, or village: and that thei do not suffre, after the time before reherled, any other, then suche, as either were bozne, or hath been for the moste part conuersaunt, or abidyng, by the space aforesaid, in thesaied citie, borough, village, or toun, to remain and begge abrode within the precinctes of suche cities, townes, villages, or hundrethes: vpon pain, that euery suche Maiours, Shieriefes, and Balices, Constable, or other hedde officer, by what name soeuer he bee called, sufferynge any persones to begge within the precinct of his, or their suche iurisdiction, other then is before reherled, for euery thre daies, shall forfeite, x. s. to whom soeuer will sue therfore, by bill, informacion, or accion of debt, in any Courte of Record, in the whiche suites, none esoyne, wager of lawe nor proteccion shalbe allowed.

And for the better performaunce hereof: be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the Maiour of the citie of London, & all other Maiours, Bailiifes, Shieriefes, Constables, and other hed officers of euery citie, toun corporate, doo, with all conuenient speede by theimselfes, or their sufficient deputies, by them appointed, before the feast of the Purification next commynge, and so from time to tyme, euery moneth once, make a vieu and examinacion of aged, impotent and lame persons, beggers, as bee within the precinct of their iurisdiction, and see all suche, as were not bozne, nor hath been for the moste parte conuersaunt and abidyng there, by the space of thre yeres complete, conueighed on horsebacke, Carte or Chariotte, or otherwise, as shall seme by their discretions, to the next Constables, and thei to conueigh thesame to the next Constables, and so from Constables to Constables, till thesaied persones be brought to the place, where thei wet bozne, or moste conuersaunt and abidyng, as is aforesaid, there to be prouided for, kept and nourished of alimole, as is aforesaid: vpon the pain, that euery suche Maiour Shierief, or Constable, hed Borough, or hed officer not makynge vieu, not sendynge, or conueyng awaite, not receiuyng, or not prouidyng, as is before appoynted, accordyng to the true purport or meanyng of this acte, to forfeit for euery suche defaulte, xl. s. Wheréof the one haulfe to the kinges vse, the other, to the partie that wil sue therfore in any of the kinges

kynges Courtes of Recorde, by byll, information, action of debte, in the which suites, none esoyne, wager of law, nor protection shalbe allowed.

Þrouded alwayes, that yf any of thesayed aged, maymed or impotent persones, of the Cities, Townes, or Villages, where they were borne in, or had their moste abydyng, as aforesayed, bee not so lame or impotent, but that they maye worke in some maner of worke: that then such Citie, Towne, Parryshe, or Village, do eyther in common prouide some suche worke for them, as they maye be occupped in, or appoynt them to suche as wyl fynde them worke, for meate and drynke. And yf they refuse of wilfulnesse and stubburnesse to worke, or do runne awaye, and begge in other places, then to punyshe thesame accordyng to their discretions, with cheyning, beatyng, or otherwyle, as shall seme to them conuenient. And for the moze furtheraunce of the relief of suche, whiche are in vnsayned misery, and to whom charitie ought to be extended: be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayed, that euery Sundaye and holy daye, after the readyng of the Gospell of the day, the Curate of euery Parryshe, do make accordyng to suche talent as God hath geuen him a Godly and brieft exhortation to this Parrysioners: mouynge and exortyng them, to remembre the pooze people, & the duetye of Christian charitie, in releuyng of them, whiche be their brethren in Christe, borne in thesame Parryshe, and neddyng their healpe.

Þrouded alwayes, that yf it shall chaunce, anye suche adiudged apprentice, seruaunt, or slaue, as is befoze reherfed, to haue inheritaunce descended vnto hym, or her, or any other wayes, be, by the lawes of thys realme, warde, or bonde in name, or neif of bloode, by, or from anye of his Auncestors, to any persone or persones: That then it shalbe lawtuli to anye suche persone or persones, to whom anye suche warde, bonde man, or neif shall appertaigne, to lease and take suche wardes, bonde menne, or neifes, and theim to reteigne and kepe, as their wardes, bonde men, or neifes. And thesayed wardes, bonde men and neifes shalbe discharged of thesayed slaue, or other seruitude or bondage aboue reherfed: This estatute, or any thyng therein conteigned, to the contrarie in any wyse notwithstanding.

And also be it enacted that yf anye suche seruaunt, apprentice, slaue, or slaues wh:ch shall haue at any tyme hereafter any aduancement or lyuyng, accue, come, or growe vnto hym, or any of them, wherby he, or they maye haue a conuenient lyuyng, that then, and from thenesfurthe, he, or they so beyng aduanced, to be discharged of their slaue, or seruitude, and bondage: this acte, or any thyng therein conteigned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding: Any woman beyng a seruaunt, apprentice or slaue, as is aforesayed, beyng maryed within the age of. xx. yeres, without the assent of her Master, vntyll she shal accomplishe and come to thesayed age of. xx. yeres, onely excepted.

Bee it also enacted, that all leprouse and pooze beddered creatures,

whatsoever they be, maye at their awne libertie, remayn and continue in suche houses, appoynted for leprouse, or beddered people, as they now be in, & shall not be compelled to repaire into any other countreys or places, by the vertue of this acte, any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding. And that also it shall be lesfull vnto thesaid leprouse and beddered people, for their better reliefes, to appoynte their Doctoz or Doctozs, so there be not appoynted aboue the numbze of two persones, for any one house of leprouse & beddered people, to gather the charitable alimose of all suche inhabitauntes, as shall be within the compasse of.iiii. miles of any of thesaid houses of leprouse, and beddered persones.

And be it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that it shall be lawfull to euery persone, to whom anye persone in forme abouesayed shall be adiudged a slaue, to put a ryng of yron aboute hys necke, atme, or hys legge, for a moze knowledge and suertie of the keepyng of hym. And that yf any persone or persones, do take or healte to take anye suche bonde of yron from anye suche slaue, that then euery persone so do- yng without the licence or assent of his Maister, shall forfaitte for euerye suche defaultte, ten poundes sterlyng.

Be it further enacted, that this present acte, shall, before the first daye of Marche next comyng, be openly proclaimed in euery cytie, Corpo- rate, Towne, and market Towne, vpon the market daye: and also from thensforth shall perely be redde in euery shire openly in twoo generall quarter sessions of the peace, that is to saye, at the generall quarter sessi- ons after Midsummer, and the generall quarter sessions next after Chri- stmas, to the intent, that euery persone maye haue knowledge thereof, and that this acte shall indure vnto the ende of the next parliament.

Provided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shall be lawfull to the lord Chancellor of Englande, or the lord keeper of the greate Scale for the tyme being, at their discretions, to graunt Commission vnder the great Scale of Englande, to euery, or anye persone or persones, that hath, or shall haue his, or their houses or barnes burnt, or such losses, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their ayde and healte, of his or their losses, decaye, or hinderance, as in tyme past hath been vsed: any thynge conteigned in this acte notwithstanding.

An acte for Tenures holden in Capite.

The.iiii. Chapter.



Where before this tyme, ambiguities, questions, and doubttes haue been moued and stirred in dyuerse and sundery the Kynges Courtes of Record, whe- ther such Honors, Castellles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes and other Hereditamentes are hol- den of the Kyng in Capite, whiche anye hys lounyng subiectes do holde by knyghtes seruice, Socage, or other seruices of the Kyng, as of hys Duchies, Erledomes,

Erledomes, Baronies, Honors, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, and Seignories, whiche haue come to the handes and possession of diuerse of his highnesse moeste noble Progenitors, by Attainder of treason, misprision of treason, Attainders of premunire, and prouision had and doen by acte of Parliament, by verdict, confession, conviction, or vtlagary, and offyces or no offyces thereupon founde, or by the dissolution, surrendre, or geuyng vp to the kyng, or to anye hys noble Progenitors, of anye Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, to any of thesame Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places in any wyse apperteynyng or belongyng, or no: By meanes of whiche doubte so moued, his sayed humble and obedient subiectes and tenaunces haue been heretofore muche ynquieted, molested and greued: wherfore the kyng ourre souereigne Lorde, myndyng and entierly desirynge the quietnes of his sayed subiectes, and that the certayntie of his lawes in that behalfe might be knowen and declared to his sayed louyng subiectes, for a playn declaration and resolution to be had, of, for, and concernyng the premisses, at the humble petition and suppe of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, doeth ordeyn, declare and enacte by the assent of the Lordes spirituall & tempozall, and of the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all suche Honors, Castels, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, & other Hereditamentes, & euery of them, which now be, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe holden of the kyng, or of any of his heires or successors, by any of his sayed subiectes, by knightes seruice, Socage or other wyse, as of any of his or their Dukedomes, Erledomes, Baronies, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Fees, or Seignories, which be come to the kyng, or his most noble Progenitors, or hereafter shal come to the kyng, his heires, or successors, by meanes of anye suche Attainder, Conviction, Vtlagary, or of anye suche dissolution, surrendre or geuyng vp of any Religious or Ecclesiasticall houses or places, or of any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to any of thesayed Religious or ecclesiasticall houses or places in any wyse belongyng or apperteynyng, shal not from hencefurthe be adiudged, demed, taken or construed, to any intent, construction or purpose, to be holden in Capite, or at Tenure in Capite: anye ambiguitie, question, or doubt heretofore moued to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided allwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse be prejudiciall ne hurtfull to the kyng, his heires or successors, to, for, or concernyng any wardshipp, liuerie, pyymet season, fyne for alicnation, or to, or for any other profite or aduantage, whiche now is come, or hereafter shal, or maye come, fall or growe to the kyng, hys heires, or successors, by, or from any persone, or persones, whiche now doeth, or hereafter

shall holde any Honours, Seigniories, Castellles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of the Kyng in Chief, as of hys person, or of anye other his auncient possessions, and beyng not come to the Kyng by any such attaynder, confession, conviction, vtlagary, dissolution, geuyng vp, or surrender, as be abouesayd.

Wherby also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that this present acte, or any thyng therein conteyned or specified, shall not in any wyse, or by any meanes, geue anye aduantage, libertie, or profyte to anye Tenaunt or owner in fee synple, of anye Honours, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, which haue heretofore sued any speciall or generall liuetey, or ouster le mayne, out of the handes of the Kyng, or of anye his noble Progenitors, of anye Honours, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, by what tenor or seruice they were, or be holden, or that haue, or shall confesse by any matet of recorde, any tenor in Chief of the Kyng, but that they, their heires and assignes, shall haue and holde thesame Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in lyke maner and fourme, as they dyd before the makynge of thys present acte, and as though thys present acte had neuer been had, ne made: anye thyng aboue declared and enacted to the contrary notwithstanding.

In acte that no Horses shalbe coueighed out of this realme, and other the Kynges Dominions, without licence.

The. v. Chapter.



Where before this tyme, diuerse of the Kynges subiectes, & namely of the North partes of this realme, aswel in time of peace as of warre, haue coueighed, sold, geue & deliuered out of this realme, aswel into Scotlande, as into other foreyne realmes beyonde the sea, many & diuerse great multitude of Horses, Geldynges and Mares, which haue been thought, aswell great occasion, strength, and boldnesse to the Scottisshmen, & other the kynges foreyne enemyes, hauyng in possession thesame Horses, Geldynges, & Mares, in tyme of warre to inuade this realme, as also a great decay of the good bzeede of Horses and Mares, which before this tyme hath been within this realme, to the greate detriment & hinderance of the Kynges pooze subiectes, towarde the defence of this realme and other his dominions: for remedie whereof, be it therfore enacted by our soueraigne Lorde the Kyng, & by the comons in this present Parliamēt assembled, & by the auctoritie of thesame, that if any person, or persones, after the firste daye of January next comynge, do sell, exchaunge, geue, conueigh, or deliuer, into the realme of Scotland, to the vse of anye Scottisshman, or do cary, geue, exchaunge, sell, sende, conueigh, or deliuer into anye place beyonde the sea, out of his realme, or the

oz the dominiōs of thesame, any Horle, Geldyng, oz Mare, without speciall licēce, therfore to be obtained, of the kynges highnes, oz of his heires, vnder the great seale of this realme, oz vnder the priuie signate: oz if any persone, oz persones, after thesaid first date of January, do sell, exchaunge, geue, oz deliuer to any Scottishman within this realme of Englad oz Wales, the toun of Berwicke, oz the Marchies of thesame to the intent to bee conueighed into Scotlande, any Horle, Geldyng, oz Mare, oz do conueigh oz cary, any Horle, Mare, oz Geldyng, into any fozein parties beyonde the sea, without like speciall licence obtained of the kynges highnes, oz of his heires, vnder the great seale, oz priuie signate, as is aforesaid: that then thesame person and persones, so offendyng, contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfeit to our said souereigne Lorde, and his heires, thesame Horle, Mare, oz Geldyng, so caried and conueighed, and shall also lose and forfeite the summe of .xl. l. for euery such Horle, Geldyng, oz Mare, so to be conueighed and caried in forme aforesaid: wherof the one moytie to be to the kyng, and the other moytie to hym, oz theim, that will sue for thesame, by informacion, accion of debte, oz detinue, in any of the kynges Courtes of Recorde, in whiche suite, no wager of lawe, essoyne, ne proteccion shall be allowed: And that also all, and euery persone and persones so offendyng, contrary to this acte, shall suffre imprisonment by the space of one whole yere.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that it shall be lefull, aswell to the wardein and wardens of the East, West, and middle Marches, for the tyme beyng, in their warden Courtes, as also, to all & euery the kynges Iustices of peace, in euery shire, aswell in Englande, as in Wales, in their quarter sessiōs, to inquire of all & euery offence oz offences, hereafter to be perpetrated, comitted oz doen, contrary to this act: and that it shall be lefull to all and euery person & persons, beyng the kynges subiectes, to arrest & imprison euery Scottishman, and al and euery other person & persons, whiche shall leade, oz conuey, contrary to the meanyng of chis act, any such Horle, Geldyng, oz Mare, out of this realme into thesaid realme of Scotlande, oz into any other fozein place beyond the sea, other then suche persons, as hereafter shall haue sufficient warraunt, by, oz from the kynges highnes oz his heires, vnder his, oz their great seale, oz priuie signate, accordyng to the meanyng of this act.

Prōvided alwaies, & be it enacted by the authoritie aforesaid that if the kyng our souereigne Lorde, his heires oz successors, at any tyme hereafter, vnder his greates seale, oz priuie signate, do geue licence, to any person oz persones, to cary oz conueigh any Horses, Mares, oz Geldynges into Scotlande, oz into any parties beyond the sea, oz els doo geue authoritie, power, oz comaundement, to any persone oz persones, by warraunt, vnder the kynges great seale, to licence any other person oz persones, to cary, oz conueigh any Horses, Mares, oz Geldynges into Scotland, oz into any parties beyond the sea, that then it shall be lefull,
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allwell to al & singuler person & persons, hauyng suche licence vnder þe kynges great seale, or priuie signate, as to all & eucry other person, and perlos, hauyng licēce in wrytyng vnder the seale of suche perion, or persons, to who, the kyng shal geue aucthoritie, power, or cōmaūdemēt in forme abouesaid, to licence other person, or persons, to cary, or cōueigh any Hozles, Mares, or Geldynges, into Scotland, or into any parties beyond the sea, to cary & cōuey suche numbze of Hozles, Geldynges, & Mares, or any of the into Scotland, or into any of the parties beyond the sea, as shalbe mēcioned in any such licēce, as is befoze specified, any thing mencioned in this acte to the cōtrary in anywise notwithstādyng.

Þrouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that this acte, ne any thyng therein contēned, shal in anywise extend, to any persone, or persones, whiche at any tyme hereafter, shal cary, or conueigh any Hozle, Mare, or Geldyng, into Scotlande, or into any other forēyne parties beyonde the sea, to serue the kyng in his warres, with thesame Hozles, Mares, or Geldynges, any thyng mencioned in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstādyng.

And to thintent the kynges maiestie shal not hereafter be deceiued, in the numbze of suche Hozles, Mares, or Geldynges, whiche hereafter shalbe caried and conueyed into Scotland, ne, that the parties, whiche hereafter shal obtain any licence by force of this acte, for the cartage or conuepaunce, of any Hozles, Mares, or Geldynges, to be caried or cōueyed into Scotlād: be it therfoze enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid that all and eucry suche persone and persones, whiche hereafter shalbe licenced, accordyng to this acte, to cary or conuey, any Hozles, Mares, or Geldynges, into Scotland, shal, befoze thesame cartage, or conuei- aunce, vpon the pain of forfaiture of thesaid Hozle, Mare, or Geldyng, or the double value therof: wherof the one moytie to be to the king, and the other moytie to hym, or them, that will sue for thesame by suche like accion, as befoze is limited in this acte, shew his, or their said licence, to one of the thze wardens of the thze Marches of England, to the intent that one of thesaid wardens shal cause the numbze of thesaid Hozles, Mares, or Geldynges, so licenced to be conueyed into Scotlande, not onely to bee kalendarid in a boke, to remain in his awne custodie, but also to be indozsed, and wrytten on the backe side of thesaid licence, and thesame endozlement to be signed with the hande of thesaid warden.

Þrouided alwaies, that it shalbe lefull to euery of the kynges subie- ctes, that shal passe ouer beyond the sea, to shippe and cary with them, Hozles, or Geldynges, for their onely occupacion in their iourneis, and not to the intent to sell thesame beyonde the sea: and that intent to bee iudged, by the othe of hym, or them, that so will cary ouer any Hozle, or Geldyng, whiche othe shalbe taken befoze the Customsars, or their de- puties, or searcher of euery suche porte, where thesame Hozle, or Gel- dyng, shalbe shipped befoze the shippynge therof.

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Provided alwaies, that the Warde of the fyue portes, now beyng, or hereafter to be, maye pelye at his pleasure, geue sixt Horses or Geldinges, & no moze, within one yere, at one or diuerse tymes, vpon lyke payne, as is aforesayde, to any person or persones, in the parties beyonde the seas, beyng in aliautie with the kynges highnes, or his succelloz: this acte or any thyng therein, to the contrary notwithstanding,

Provided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therein mentioned, be in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to the Maister of the kynges Horses now, & hereafter to be, for suche thinges & comodities, as shal, & do concerne his office: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided also, that it shalbe lefull to anye the kynges subiectes, to carry, or sende into any partes beyonde the sea, any Wares, whereof the pryce of any one Ware, so to be carryed, doth not excede. x. s. in suche and lyke maner, as Wares, beyng of the pryce of. vi. s. viii. d. haue been, or myght haue been conueyghed ouer the seas, before the makinge of this acte: anye thyng in thys acte, or in anye other acte or actes, heretofore made to the contrary hereof notwithstanding,

An acte for the continuauce of makinge of woolsted patne in Norfolk.

The. vi. Chapter.



Here the greatest and almost the whole numbze of the poore inhabitants of the countie of Norfolk, and the cytie of Norwich, be, and haue bene heretofore for a great tyme maynteyned and gotten their liuyng by spinninge of the wolles, growyng in the sayed countie of Norfolk, vpon the rocke into patne, and by all the said tyme haue used to haue their accesse to comon markettes within the said countie and citie, to bye theire wolles there to be spunne as is aforesayd, of certayn persones, called Retailers of the same wolles, by eight pennyworth, and twelue pennyworth at one tyme or therabout, and haue not used to bye, ne can bye their sayde wolles of the breeders of the same wolles by suche small percelles, aswell, for that the said breeders of the said wolles will not sell their sayde wolles by suche small percelles, as also for that the moost parte of the said poore persones dwell farre of from the said breeders of the said wolles: And forasmuche as by an acte of parliament made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne of the noble kyng of famous memory Henry the. viii. all persones be restrayned vpon a greate payne, to bye any wolles to sell the same agayne, excepte merchautes of the Staple, for the onely prouision of the Staple, as in the said acte among other thynges, moze at large it is conteyned: therefore the said Retailers of wolles in the said Countie of Norfolk and Citie of Norwich, which heretofore haue used to bye wolles, and to sell them agayne to the

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to the sayed poore persones in ouert markettes, as is aforesayed, haue
 fence the makynge of thesayde estatute in eschevyng the daungier and
 peyne prouided by thesame, ceased and lette to be thesayde wolles, for
 the reliefe of thesayed poore persones: By reason wherof, thesame poore
 persons inhabityng within thesayde countie of Norfolk & Citie of Nor-
 wych, that hath heretofore bene spynners, and maynteyned by spynnyng
 of thesaid wolles, be now vnoctupied & vnset a worke, and a great num-
 bre of them inforced to begge for lacke of worke, to the bitter decaye and
 ruyne of the poore people of thesayde countie and Citie, and the inhabi-
 tantes therof, onlesse some reamedy be therein prouided: In cōsideration
 wherof, it maye please the kynges moost royall maiestie, by the assent of
 the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in this present par-
 liament assembled, and by auctoritie of thesame, that all & every person
 and persons dwellyng and inhabityng within thesaid countie of Norfolk
 and Citie of Norwich, or in either of them, by his, or themselves, or
 by his, or their factours, seruaut, or seruantes, may lawfully from hence
 furth, without peyne, forfaiture, daungier, or breach of any law or ordi-
 nauce, to bye and bargayn wolles, and take and make prouision to bye
 or bargayne wolles, growng, or that shall growe onely within thesayd
 countie of Norfolk, in as large and lyke maner and fourme, as thesame
 inhabitautes within thesayed countie & Citie, might, and did vse to do,
 before the makynge of thesaid acte of Parliament, and as thesayed acte
 of parliament hath neuer bene had or made, so that thesame persone and
 persones so buyng or bargayning, or takynge promes to bye or bargayn
 thesaid wolles, do sell or Retayle thesame agayne in the cōmon market,
 or other open place within thesayed countie of Norfolk or Citie of Nor-
 wiche, to any persone or persones at their pleasure and libertie that will
 bye thesame, or any percell therof, dwellyng & inhabityng within thesa-
 yed countie & Citie of Norwich, or any of them, that shal or will spynne
 thesame within thesayed countie of Norfolk, and Citie of Norwich; or
 any of them: thesaid former acte, or any article, clause or sentence therein
 contained, or any other acte or actes, lawe or ordinaunce, heretofore made,
 to the contrary therof in any wise notwithstanding.

And where in the Parliament holden at Westmünster the. xxxii. yere
 of the reigne of oure sayed late Souereigne Lorde the kyng, yt was
 emongest other thynges, enacted thus as ensueth, or lyke in effect, that
 is to saye, that no persone or persones from hencefurth, shoulde bye, ne
 cause to be boughte within the sayed Cytie of Norwich; or Countie of
 Norfolk, any yarne spunne of the wolle, called woollsted yarne, the whi-
 che shoulde then after that be spunne within thesayed Countie or Cytie;
 but such person or persones buyng weeners of woollsted, Russelles, Sta-
 myne, Sayes, and suche other lyke clothes, within thesayed Cytie or
 Countie, that shoulde weue or worke, or cause to be wouen or wrought
 in woollsted, Stampne, Russelles, Sayes, or suche other lyke clothes,
 thesayed

thesayd yarne so bought or caused to be bought wythin thesayde Cytie or Countey, in the Cytie of Nozwyche, or in some market toune wythin thesayde Countey: vpon the peyne and forfaiture, for euery pound weyght of thesaid yarne called wolsted yarne, so bought wythi thesayd Countey or Cytie, and not wouen or wrought, as is aforesayde, wythin thesaid Cytie or Countey, fourty Shyllynges, & one haulte therof to be to the Kyng our souereygn Lord, & the other haulte therof to be to hym, or theym, that should then after that, seue for the same, by byll, Information, Actiō of debt, or otherwyle, in any courtte of recorde, in whiche sayd action, byl, or informatiō, no essoyne, wager of lawe, forayn plea, or protection shoulde be allowed. And wher it is also ordeyned in thesayd acte that if anye person or persones, dyd, after the fyrste daye of Apryll then next after thesayd acte ensuyng, shyp, or cary, or coueyghe, or cause to be shipped, tot arye or coueyghe into the parties beyonde the sea, or dyd carye or coueygh into the partes beyond the sea, any yarne called wolsted yarne, not made or wrought in cloth, so that suche yarne wer spunne wythin thys realme, that then euey person and persones so shyping, conueyghing & caryng, or causyng suche yarne so to be shipped, caryed & coueyghed, should forfait for euery pound of wolsted yarne so shyped, coueyed or caryed. xl. s. the one haulte therof to be to our sayd souereygn Lord the Kyng, and the other haulte therof to hym, or theym, that should sue for thesame, by byll, Information, or action of debt in any of the Kynges courttes of recorde, as in thesayd acte, thesame or the lyke in effect, moze playnly dothe and may appere. And forasmuche as thesayd acte was made and ordeyned to continue and endure vntyll the parliament then after that next ensuyng, and hathe bene sythens by other generall actes contynued vntyll thys present parliament, and was not by any of thesayd actes ordeyned to cōtinue for euer: It maye now please the Kynges moost excellent Maiestye, wyth the assent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, and the cōmons in thys present parliament assembled, and by aucthorpytie of thesame, that all the afore recited acte for yarne, with al & woordes, forfaitures, peynes & sentēces before recyted, as thesame be, before recyted & declared, maye, from hensfurth be enacted to contynue and to be taken for an act to contynue for euer, to al intents and purposes, accor dyng to thesayde woordes, sentēces and the purport therof, before in thys acte recyted.

Provided allwaye, that it shalbe lefull to euery person and persones, beyng a hat maker or hat makers, dwellyng wythin thesayde Cytie of Nozwyche, to bye suche of thesayd wolsted yarne, as is called & known by the name of myddell vffe yarne, as they and euery of theim haue heretofore done and vled to do, so that thesame myddell vffe yarne, so bought by thesayd hat makers or hat maker, be wrought in hattes, or employed to hat making, wythin thesayd Cytie: any thyng before recyted, to the contrary therof not wythstandyng.

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An acte for the contynuaunce of actions after the
deathe of any kyng.



Where þe kynges subiectes heretofore haue, to their great
costes, charges, and expences prosecuted and sued by
uerse and sundrye actions, aswell reall and personal,
as all other actions, myxt, or otherwys, in the kynges
Maiesties courttes and other courttes of recorde,
not only by writtes, but also by pleynt, or billes, wher
the actions, lutes, bylles and pleyntes, by the deathe,
or demyse of the kynges of thys Realme, haue bene dyscontynued, & the
parties in euery suche actions, lutes, bylles, and pleyntes, therby haue
bene put wythoute daye, wherby the demaundauntes, pleyntiffes, and
actours in euery suche action and lute were compelled and dysuene by the
ordre of the lawes of thys realme, for their further reamedy, to commēce
and begynne agayn, hys, or their sayde Actions, Lutes, or pleyntes, or
els to prosecute, and sue Resommons, Attachementes, Scire facias, or su-
che other lyke processe, to reuue his or theyr sayd actions, lutes or ple-
yntes, whych was not only to theyr great costes, charges, expences, hy-
nderaunces and dclaye of their causes and lutes, but also a great let and
hynderaunce of iustice: for reformation wherof, be it ordeyned, establis-
shed and enacted by the kyng our souereyn Lord, and the Lordes and
Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the auctho-
rite of thesame, that from henceforth by the deathe or demyse of the kynges
Maiestie, that now is (whose lyfe almyghty God long preserue, kepe, &
maynteyn in his moost royall estate) nor by the deathe or demyse of any
that hereafter shalbe kyng of this realme, any action, lute, byl, or pleynt
now, or that hereafter shal depend betwene partie and partie in any of
the courttes aforesayd, shal not in any wise be dyscontynued or put wout
daye: But that the processe, pleyes, demurres and contynuaunces in e-
uery action, actions, lutes, bylles, or pleyntes, whych nowe, or that here-
after shal depend, shal stand good and effectual, and be prosecuted and
sued furth in suche maner and forme, and in thesame estate, condition
and ordre, as if thesame kyng had lyued or contynued in full lyfe, the
deathe or demyse hereafter of any kyng of this realme not wstanding.
And that all and all maner of iudicial processe that hereafter shalbe had
or pursued in the tyme of the reyn of any other kyng, then reyned at
the tyme of the pursuete of the original, or other former processe, shalbe
made in the name of the kyng, that for the tyme shal reyn and be kyng
of this realme and that variaunce touchyng thesame processe betwene
the names of the kynges, shal not be in any wysse materiall, as concer-
nyng any default to be alleged or obiectted therfore.

And also be it further established & enacted by þe auctoritie aforesaid
þat a euery Assise of nouel disseysyn, assise of mortdauncester, iuris vtrum
and

and attēpt, whyche at any tyme hereafter shalbe arraygned, comēced or sued before any of the kynges iustices of assyse, shal not from henceforth be dyscontynued or put wythout day, by reason of death, newe cōmission, association, or not cōmpng of thesame iustices of assise, or any of theym, but shal stand good & effectual in the lawe, to al intentes, cōstruc-tions & purposes, the death, new cōmission, association, or not cōmpng of thesame iustices, or any of theym in any wyse not wstanding. ¶ And ouer þ, be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, þ albeit any demaūdaunt or pleyntife in any maner of actiō, byl or sute, shal fortune to be made or created, duke, Archebischop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bischop, Knyght, iustice of þ one bench, or of þ other, or sergeant at lawe, dependyng thesame action, byl or sute, yet þ not wstanding, þ no wyrt, action or sute, shal for suche cause, in any wyse be abatable or abated, but shal remayn in lyke force, goodnes & strength, as thesame was before, any lawe or vsage to the cōtrary in any wise not wstanding.

And also be it ordeyned & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, þ albeit any persō or persones, beyng iustice of assise, iustice of Gaole delyuery, or iustice of peace wythin any of þ kynges dominions, or beyng in any other of the kynges commissions whatsoeuer, shal fortune to be made or created Duke, Archebischop, Marques, Earle, Viscount, Barō, Bischop, Knyght, iustice of the one benche or of the other, or Sergeant at lawe, or Shiref, yet þ notwithstanding, he & they shal remayn iustice & Cōmissioner, & haue full power & aucthorite to execute thesame, in lyke maner & forme, as he or they might or ought to haue done before þsame.

And be it ordeined & enacted by the aucthorite aforesaid, that in al cases, wher any persō or persones heretofore haue bene, or hereafter shalbe found gyltie of any maner of Treason, Murder, Māslaughter, rape, or other felony whatsoeuer, for the whyche iudgement of death shoulde or may ensue, and shalbe repried to pryson wythout iudgement at that tyme geuen agaynst hym, her, or theim, so found gyltie, that those persones that at any tyme hereafter shal by the kynges lettres patentes be assigned iustices to deliuer the Gaole, wher any suche pson or persones found gyltie shal remayn, shal haue full power & aucthorite to geue iudgemēt of death agaynst suche pson so found gyltie & repried as thesame iustices (before whom suche person or persones was, or were found gyltie) myght haue done, if theyr Cōmission of Gaole delyuery had remayned & contynued in full force & strength. And ouer that, that no maner of processe or sute, made, sued or had before any Iustices of Assyse Gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, Justice of peace, or other of the kynges Cōmissioners, shal, ne in any wise be dyscōtynued by þ makyng & publishing of any new cōmissiō or associatiō, or by alteryng of the names of the Iustices of Assise, Gaole delyuery, Oyer and terminer, Justices of peace, or other the kynges cōmissioners, but that the new Justices of Assise, Gaole delyuery, and of the peace & other cōmissioners, may pro-

ecde in euery behaulfe, as if the olde Commissions, & Iustices and com-
missioners had styll remainned and contynued, not altered.

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An act for confirmation of letters patentcs.



Where the kynges moost excellent hyghnes, sythē the eyght
and twenty day of January, in the fyrst yere of his Maie-
sties reyn, aswell vpon dyuerse and sundry good cōsyde-
ratiōs his Maiestye specially mouyng, as also other wyle,
hathe bargayned, sold, exchaunged, geuen, restored and
graunted by his graces seuerall lettres patentcs, Indentures or other
wrytynges, scaled vnder his highnes great seale of England, the seale
of his Duchy of Lancastre, and the seale of the court of augmentaciō and
the reuenues of his crowne, or any of theym, aswel to bodyes politike
and corporate, as to dyuerse and sundry of his louyng & obedyent sub-
iectes, dyuerse and sundry Honours, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Te-
nementes, Rentcs, Reuertions, Seruyces, Personages appropriated,
Adoulsions, Tythes, Oblacions, Pencions, Porcions, Fraunchyses,
Privyleges, Libertyes and other hereditamētes, cōmodityes & proffites
in fee symple, fee tayle, for terme of lyfe or lifes, or for terme of yeres, as
in thesame seuerall lettres patentcs, Indentures and other wrytynges
is inencioned and declared: In auoydyng, disturbyng, hurtyng or hynd-
eryng of thesaid seuerall lettres patentcs, Indentures and other wry-
tynges, and of thesaid Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamē-
tes and other thynges in theim conteyned, sundry & many ambiguyties,
doubtes and questiōs, haue, or myght hereafter happē to be moued, ob-
iected, alleged, inuented, procured or styred, aswell for misnamyng, mys-
recital or none recital of any of thesame Honours, Castelles, Mannours,
Landes, Tenementes & other the premysse, or any percell therof, or for
lack of fyndyng of officies, or inquisitions, of, and in the p̄misses, wher-
by the tytle of the kynges hyghnes therein ought to haue bene fōūde be-
fore the makyng of thesame lettres patentcs or other wrytynges, or for
mysrecital or none recital of leases therof before made, aswell of recor-
de, as not of record, or for lack of the certainty, mystaking, ratyng or set-
tyng furth of the yerele values & rates of the premysse, or of the yerele
Rentcs reserued, of, & for the premysse, or any percell therof, mēcyoned
or conteyned in any of thesaid lettres patētes, or other wrytynges, or for
p̄ the premysse be, or any parte therof is valued to a more or lesse value
in thesaid lettres patentcs or wrytynges, then thesaid Honours, Man-
nours, Landes, Tenemētes and other the premysse, then were, or shalbe
in yerele value, or for misnaming of the Townes, Hamlettes, parishes
or countie, where thesame Honours, Castelles, Mannours, Landes,
Tenementes, Rentcs, Hereditamentcs & other the premysse, and euery
percell therof, or any percell therof yen or been, or for lack of the true na-
myng of p̄ natures, kyndes, soytes, and quantyties of thesaid possessiōs,
or heredi-

or hereditamentes or any percell therof, or for lack of þ true nampng of the corporation of thesame bodyes pollitike or Corporate, or for lack of attornement, lycence or sealon, or for mynampng of any of the late Tennantes or termours of thesame premisses so solde, geuen, graunted or exchaunged, as for dyuerse & sundry other suggestiōns & surmises not compulsed in thesaid letters patentes, whyche hereafter myght happen to be moued, surmised or procured agaynst thesame letters patentes: for remedy & reformatiō wherof, be yt ordeyned and enacted by the kynges moost excellent highnes, w thassent of the lordes spiritual, & temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by þ auctoritie of thesame, þ alwell all & euery thesaid letters patentes, indentures & other writynges & euery of them sealed w or vnder þ seale or scales aboue named or any of theym, made or graunted by the kynges highnes, sythens the. xxviii. daye of Januarii last past, as also all & lynguler hys graces letters patentes, Indentures & other writynges hereafter, durynge hys highnes life (whyche our Lord long continue) to be had, made or graunted w or vnder any of þ scales abouesaid to any body pollitike or corporate, or to any other person or persones of any Honours, Castelles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, reuertions, seruices, personages, Tithes pēcions, porcions, aduouisiōs, nominaciōs, presentaciōs, franchises, liberties, & other hereditamentes, commodities, possessions & profits, of what kynde, nature or qualite so euer they or any of them be, is, or shalbe, or by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of them be, is or shalbe named, knowen or reputed, shal stand & betaken, reputed and iudged, good, sure, perfite, effectuall & auayleable in the lawe, durynge þ statutes in theym lymitted & specified, to al intentes, respectes, constructions & purposes, agaynst the kyng, his heyrres, & successours, wout any cōtirmation, lycence, dispensatiō or tolleratiō of the kyng his heyrres or successours, any þ causes or matters aboue mencioned, cōteyned, or hereafter durynge his said highnes lyfe, to be conteyned, had or made in any suche letters patentes, Indentures or other writynges, by the kyng our soueraygn Lord, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandynge.

Þrouided alwaye, that this act ne any thyng theryn conteyned, shal not in any wyse extend to reuyue or make good any letters patētes made of any office or offices to any Cōptroller, Customier, Alneget or Sercher, ne to any letters patentes of þ graunte, of any other office or offices heretofore graūted or made by our sayd soueraygn Lord þ kyng whych nowe is, or be, or at any tyme hertofore haue bene aduylated, determyned or made voyde by iudgement, by auctoritie of parliament or decree, nor to any patent to be made to any person or persones for terme of yeres or durynge þ minoritye of any heyre, of, or in any Mannours, Landes or Tenementes, wherof any traucte hereafter shalbe tendred w in thye monethes after any office found & certifyed into any of the kynges courttes of recozde, ne to any leases or grauntes of any Mannours. La-

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des, or Tenementes of our said souereign Lordes hereafter to be made vnder any of þ scales of the courtes aforesayd, cōtrary to the limitatiō, ordynauce, prouision, establisshment & auctorite of thesame courtes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouded also, and be yt enacted, that this acte nor any thing therein conteyned, shall not extend to make any letters patentes of any office or offices, to be of any other effect, force, or strēgth, then thesame letters patentes were, or should haue bene before the making of this acte.

Þrouded allwaye, and be yt enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that al & singuler suche patentees, grauntees, donces, as any tyme hereafter during the lyfe of our sayd souereygn Lord (whycher allmyghtye God long preserue) shall fortune to haue or obteyne, any Castellles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions or other hereditamentes, of the gyft, graunt, sale or exchaunge of the Kynges Maiestye, or of the onlye gyft of the Kynges Maiestye, of hys moost liberall disposition, & not solde, whych at þ day of þ date of þ letters patentes, therof made, shall be of more, or better yterely value to the kyng in yterely rent and fatme, then shall be conteyned, mencyned and specyied in any suche letters patentes and particulars therof made by the partycular surueyours or surueyours therof, & in suche byll or billes, as shall be signed and sealed wyth the hand or hādes of the patente or patētees therof to be exhibited to the Kynges Maiestye, or his officer or officers, wythin whose suruey thesaid Mannours, Landes and Tenementes, and other the premises, or any parte therof shall be, or wythin any of theim, whycher byll shall be signed, sealed, had and made, as is aforesayd, before any byll shall be therof signed by the kynges maiestie: that then euery of thesayde patētees, graūtees & donces, their heyres, executors, or administratours, wythi one yere next after due profe and decrees therof made and had in the courte, wythin whose suruey thesame Castellles, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes and other the premises, or any pēcel therof, before thesaid giffes and grauntes were, shall content and paye to the kyng for thesame ouerplus and more value of thesame Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Tythes, pencions, porcions, and other hereditamentes to hym sold or exchaunged, after suche rate, as other Landes and Tenementes, were before to hym sold or exchaunged, and for the ouerplus and more value of suche landes and tenementes as shall happen to be geuen by þ kynges maiestye, & not sold, as is abouesaid, thesaid patētee, his heyres, Executors or administrators shall content and paye to the kyng, after þ rate of twenty yerres purchase, so that thesame profe and decree be had & made in maner and forme abouesayd wythin .x. yerres next after the date of the sayd letters patentes.

CAn acte for the vnityng of certayn churches wythin the Cytie of York.

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Where in the aunccie Cytie of Yorke and suburbes of the same, there is many parishe churches, whych heretofore, & same beyng well inhabited and replenysshed wyth people, was good and honest lyuynge for learned incumbentes, by reason of the prey tythes of the ryche merchauntes & of the offeringes of a great multitude: whych lyuynge is nowe so much decayed by the ruyn and decaye of thesaid Cytie and of the trade of merchaundise there, that the reuenues & proffites of dyuerse of thesame benefices are at this present, not aboue the clere yerely value of. xxvi. s. viii. d. so that a great sorte of theym are not a competent and honest lyuynge for a good curate: yea, and no person wyl take the cure, but that of necessitie ther is some chauntry pyest or elles some late religious person beyng a stipendary taken and appoynted to thesaid Cure and Benefice; whych for the moost parte are vnlarned and very ignoraunt persones, not hable to do any parte of their dueties: By reason wherof, thesaid Cytie is not only replenysshed wyth blynd gypdes and pastors, but also the people muche kept in ignoraunce, aswell of their dueties towardes God as also towardes the kynges maiestie and the common wealthe of this realme, and to the great daungier of their soules: In consideration wherof, and for the better relief & order of thesaid Cytie, it maye please the kynges maiestie by thassent of the Lordes spirituall & temporal, & commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the auctorite of the same, that fro hensfurth yt shalbe lafulfull to the Maiour and Recorder of thesaid Cytie, and to the ordinary or his deputy, & vi. Justices of peace in thesaid Cytie, to vnite and knyght together thesaid parishes into a fewer number, that is to wyt, so many of thesaid parishes into one parish, as to thein shalbe thought conuenient to be a lyuynge for one honest incumbent, so the clere yerely value of one parishe excede not. xx. l. by yere, and so to procede thorough the sayde Cytie and Suburbes of thesame. And that it shalbe lesul for thesaid Maiour, Recorder and Aldermen to pull doune the Churches, whych they shall thynke superfluous in thesaid Cytie and Suburbes of thesame, and to bestowe thesame toward the reparaciōs and enlargement of the other Churches, of the Bydges in thesaid Cytie, and to the relief of the poore people. And further, that thesaid Maiour, Recorder, Ordinary, or his deputy and vi. Justices of peace beyng Aldermen, shal allotte and appoynt the presentment and patronage of the Churche so vnyted to the patrons of all the Churches, to knyght in one parish, that they maye make theyr presentmentes by turne, euery one accordyng to their quantytie of hys tōwner patronage.

Wherby allwayes and be yt enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that all suche incumbentes of the Churches aforesayde, that shalbe put doune by vertue of this Acte, shall haue the yerely value of

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their benefices after the rate they do paye tenthes duryng their lyfes, so they will do seruyce therfore in the churche appoynted for the parishe churche, accordyng to theyr former dueties : And if they refuse to serue, then they only duryng their lyfes to haue þ third parte of the value as is aforesaid, and to be payd at the handes of the incūbent of the parishe Churche to be appoynted.

Þrouided also, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that þ Incumbentes of euery suche Churche, whyche, by vertue of this acte shalbe made & ordeyned for þ parishe Churche, & wherunto any other parishe or parishes shalbe vnited, shal, after the vniō therof, yerely paye the Tenthes to be due for thesame to the kynges, Haicste his heyrēs & successors, of thesame Churche and of all other Churches therunto vnyted & annexed. And thesaid incumbentes of the parishe churche so vnited, to haue his allowaunce of the incūbentes of the churches so vnited therūto, duryng their seuerall lyfes, accordyng to the rate & porciō of þ churches so vnited as shalbe assigned by the abouesayd psones haupng auctorite by this acte to vnite thesame. And the successor and successors of euery suche incumbent, of euery suche churche, as shalbe made þ parishe churche, and wherunto any Churche or parishe shalbe vnited, by force of this acte, shal paye or compound for the fyrst fruytes therof at euery auoydaunce befoze his induction to thesame, accordyng to suche yerely value, as suche churche or Churches, as shalbe made a parishe churche, and wherunto any churche or churches, parishe or parishes shalbe vnited by force of this acte, shalbe of at the tyme of the vniō therof, and as if yt had bene of suche lyke yerely value at the tyme of makyng of þ statute for fyrst frutes and Tenthes, and of no greater value : any ordynaunce, statute or lawe, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Cap. x.

An act for Exigentes and Proclamacions in Wales, and in the Countie Palentine of Chester, and also in the Cytie of Chester.



Where, in the high Courte of Parliamente, holden at Westmynster in the. xxvii. yere of the moste prosperous reigne of the late famous Kyng Hery the VIII., by the assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, and the commons assembled in thesaid hygh Courte of Parliamente : It was enacted and establyshed by auctoritie of thesame parliament, that hys highnes dominion and principalitie of Wales, & al Marches, Landes, Tenementes, and other dominions, wythin thesaid dominion & principalitie of Wales, shoulde be diuided into twelue Shires, or Counties, that is to say: the Shires or Counties, of Glamorgā, Radnour, Brecknocke, Harmerthyn, Denbroke, Cardygan, Merionneth, Morgomery, flynt, Carnarua, Anglesey, & Denbigh, in euery of whyche layed

saied Counties & Shires, enōgest the officers perely appointed, it was then ordeyned, & there shoulde be distinct & seuerall Shieriefes perely: & also where the Countiees Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, be auncient & seuerall Counties Palentine of themselves, in al whyche saied Counties, the kynges writte hath not, nor yet doth not runne: So that the proclamation awarded vpon any exigente against any person, or periones, in any actiō, wherein procelle of outlatie doth lye, accordig to the statute made in the sixt yere of the reign of thesaied late kyng, cā not bee directed vnto the Shierief, or Shieriefes of any of thesaied Shires or Counties, but vnto the Shierief of the Countie next adioynng: So & p^rtye dwellyng in any of thesaied Shires, or Countiees, agaynit whom any suche exigent & Proclamation shalbe so awarded, shall not nor can haue any knowledge of p^r same sute, or procelle, by reason whereof, many of the periones inhabityng in thesaied Shires & Counties, without knowledge, or cause of suite, haue been wrongfully & vniustly vtlagged, to their bitter vndoyng: Be it therfore, & for diuerse other good cōsideraciōs, by p^r kyng our souereygn Lord, wth p^r assent of p^r lordes spirituell & temporall, & the commons in this present parliamēt assembled & by the aucthoritie of thesame, enacted, ordeined, & established, that if, & whensoever any writ of exigent, at any tyme after the first day of April next cōpyng, shalbe awarded at p^r suite of p^r kyng, or of any other person, or periones, plaintief, or plaintiefes, in any actiō or suite, in any of the Courtes of our saied souereygn Lord the kyng, his heires, or successours, commonly called p^r kynges Benche, & the Common Place, against any person, or periones, dwellyng in any of p^r aforesaid Countiees in Wales, or in thesaied Counties Palentine of Chester, or of the Cytie of Chester, or in any of the: p^r then immediatly vpon p^r awardyng of euery suche exigēt, p^r Justice, or Justices, before whom any suche writte of exigent, vpon suche suite or action, shalbe sued, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to awarde one writte of proclamation, accordyng to p^r tenor & effecte of proclamations awarded vpo exigētes, directed out of any of thesaied Courtes, into Londō, against any pson, dwellyng in any other Shire, where p^r kynges writte is currant, accordyng to p^r ordre & forme of thesaied statute made in the sixt yere of thesaied late kyng, to bee directed to suche of p^r aforesaid Shieriefes of any of p^r aforesaid Countiees in Wales, & of p^r Countiees Palentine of Chester, & of p^r Cytie of Chester, for p^r tyme beyng, where it shall happen thesaied defendaut, against whō any suche action shalbe sued, as is aforesaid, to bee dwellyng: And that euery suche writte of Proclamation shall haue thesame teste & dave of returne, as p^r exigētes, wherupō euery suche writte of proclamatiō shalbe awarded, shal haue: And p^r euery suche Shierief, to whō any suche writte of proclamatiō shalbe directed, shall make proclamatiō of thesaied writ of proclamatiō, accordyng to the tenor of thesame, and shall make true returne of p^r same, in suche Courte, and before suche Justices, as p^r tenor of thesame

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of thesame writte, shall require and demaunde. And that all outlawes hereafter to be promulged or pronounced, against any person or persones, vpon any suche exigent or exigentes, awarded agaynst any persone or persones dwelling in any of thesayde Counties of Wales, and the Counties Palentine of Chester, & of the Cytie of Chester, and no writte of Proclamacion awarded in forme abouesayed, to þe Sherief or Sheriefes of the Countie, where the partie defendannt shalbe, as is abouesayed dwelling, or not returned, to bee clerely voyde, and of none effecte, nor force in the lawe.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that al & euery Sherief and Shiriefes, of euery of thesayde Counties of Wales, & of the Counties Palentine of Chester, and the Cytie of Chester aforesaid, shal haue in euery of thesaid Courtes of the kynges Benche, and of the Common place, one sufficient deputie at the least, to receyue all writtes directed to suche the Sherief or Sheriefes, for whom, thesame deputie, or deputies shalbe appoynted in like maner and forme, and vpon lyke paynes, as by the former statutes and lawes of this realme, other Shyriefes of other Shires, or Counties within this realme of England, be bounden to haue, in eyther of thesame Courtes: and that all writtes of Proclamacion aforesayed, shalbe deliuered vnto euery suche deputie of Record in thesame Courtes: and also like fees shalbe paid for makynge euery suche writte of proclamacion, and for entrollynge thesame of Record, as is limited in thesayde statute, made in thesayde sixt yere of the reigne of our saied late souereyn Lord kyng Henry the eyght.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, þe if any person, dwelling in any of thesaid Counties of Wales, after the aforesaid fyrst day of Aprill, shalbe outlawed in any suite or action aforesaid, that the writtes of special Capias urlagaþ, singl. Capias urlagaþ, nō molestand. & al other processe, for, or against any person outlawed, shal, and maye fro thenforth be directed to the Shirief of any of thesayd Counties in Wales, as immediate officer, to the kynges saied Courtes, of the kynges Benche or cōmō Place, in that behault: and that euery suche writte may be deliuered of Record, to the deputie of suche of thesaid Shyriefes, to whō any suche writte or processe, shalbe directed, & that euery suche Shirief, shal make executiō & returne, of euery suche writ of processe to hym directed, vpon like peyn & penaltie, as is aboue limited.

And be it further enacted, and established, þe if any suche writ or writtes of proclamaciō hereafter directed to any of the Shiriefes, of any of thesayd Shires in Wales, or Counties Palentine of Chester, or of þe Cytie of Chester, be deliuered vnto any of thesaid Shiriefes, for the tyme being, or to his, or their deputie, in maner & forme aforesaid: & thesame Shirief or Shiriefes, do not make true returne of euery suche writ and writtes of proclamaciō, into suche Court & Courtes, out of whiche the said writ or writtes of proclamaciō shalbe awarded: that for euery such default,

default, of none returre, euery suche Shierief for the tyme beyng, shall lose & forsaict. v. l. the one haulte therof shall be to our souereygn Lorde the kyng, his heyres, and successors; the other haulte to any suche person or persones, as wyl sue for thesame in an actiō of debte, grounded vpon this acte, in any of þe kynges Courtes of Recorde, wherein none essoyne, protection, or wager of lawe, shall be allowed or admitted.

Þrouded alwaies, this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende, or be pzeiudiciall to thesame Counties of Wales, or to thesayd Counties Palentine of Chester, or of the Cytie of Chester, for, or concernyng suche liberties, fraunchises, or priuileges, as belong to them, or any of them, or to any ministers, or officers of them, or any of them, otherwise, or in any other maner, then by the true meaning of this acte, is befoze pꝛouided and declared: any thyng in this acte mencioned, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Þrouded alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that this act, ne any thyng therein contained, shall not in any wise be pzeiudicial or hurtfull to any Lord, Marcher in Wales, but that they & euery of them, and their heires, and the heires of euery of them, shall & maye haue like libertie, interest and pꝛeheminence, as they, and euery of them, had, might, or ought to haue had befoze the makyng of thys acte, and as though this acte had neuer been had, ne made: any thyng in thys acte mencioned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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In acte for the repeale of a certayn statute, made in the. xxviii. yere of the reigne, of the late kyng of moost famous memory, Henry the. viii. for reuokynge of actes of Parliament.



Here in the Parliament begonne at Westmynster the xxviii. yere of the reigne, or the late kyng of famous memory kyng Henry the. viii. it was enacted by the auctoritie of the sayd Parliament, that if the Emperiall crowne of thys Realme, after the deccasse of the sayd late kyng, should discende, come or remaine to þe heyres of our sayde late souereygn lord, or to any pson to bee limited by hys hyghnes, as of very right, it must & ought to do, accordig to þe lawes of this Realme, established for thesame, thesayd heyres or such person, beyng wythin the age of. xxiij. yeres, & that then any acte or actes of Parliament, shoulde happen to be made and established in any Parliament, that then shoulde be holden befoze suche heire or heyres, person or persons, then beyng in possessiō of the sayd crowne, shoulde be of their ful ages of. xxiij. yeres, that then euery suche heyre or heyres, of our sayde late souereygn Lorde, or such person, so possessed of the crowne, beyng wythin thesame age of. xxiij. yeres, shoulde haue full power

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power & auctoritie at all tymes, after they shoulde come to their sayde full ages of. xxiij. yerres, by their letters patenttes, vnder the great seale of England to reuoke, adnull, & repel, al and singuler suche actes, made & established by theyr royal assentes, in any Parliament holde, durynge þe tyme, that they were wythin their sayd age of. xxiij. yerres, their royal assentes had to thesame, durynge þe tyme, that they were wythin thesayde age of. xxiij. yerres, or any acte or actes thereafter to be made, to the contrary therof notwithstanding. And it was also enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that euery suche repeale, adnullation, and reuocation of any acte or actes that shoulde be made and established in any Parliament, holden befoze the tyme, that suche heyres, or persone possessed of þe crowne, shoulde be of the sayd age of. xxiij. yerres, shoulde be as good and effectuell, to all intentes & purposes, as though it had bene done by the auctoritie of Parliamente, as in the sayde acte is moze playnly declared: Sith the makynge of whyche estatute, it hath pleased almighty God to take vnto his mercy, our sayd late souereyn lord kyng Henry þe viii: Our now moost gracious & deere souereyn liege lord, kyng Edward the. vi. hys sonne and heyre (whose lyfe God longe preserue) now beyng aboue the age of. x. yerres, and vnder the age of. xi. yerres: durynge whose minoritye, as the common wealthe of his highnes Realmes of England and Ireland, and of all the dominions and countreys of thesame, is, & moost necessariely oughte to be prouided for, maynteyned, & preserued: so is it þe naturall ducty of euery good, true & louyng subiecte, to apply hym self wyth al hys power and diligence, to study, auent, and practive by al waies, meanes & maners, for the conseruacion of thesame. And for asmuche as for the preseruacion of the royal estate of our said souereyn Lord the kyng that now is, and the saufegard and suertie of hys moost royal person, and for the good tranquillitie quietnes, rest and peace of his sayd Realmes, countreys, dominions and subiectes, aswell wholsome lawes and statutes are to be ordeyned, established and prouided, as also some lawes & statutes to be repelled and adnullid, as the case shall requyre, accorдынge to the dispositiō of the people, whyche cannot take any good effecte or successe, without actes & prouisions of Parliament to be made, befoze their ages of. xxiij. yerres: And for þis shoulde seme vnto all men, that the good intentiō, meanynge and purpose of the sayde late kyng, & of the makers of the sayde estatute, was not, þe good & wholsome lawes, whiche shoulde be made, prouided and ordeyned, for the good gouernaunce of the Realmes and dominions abouesayde, durynge the tyme, þe any kyng of thys Realme, shoulde be within the sayd age of. xxiij. yerres, shoulde from the tyme of the deceasse of the auncestoz or progenitor of any such kyng, within the age of. xxiij. yerres, at the tyme of the death of þe sayde auncestoz or progenitor, vntyll the age of. xxiij. yerres, of any suche kyng, be made, demed & adiudged to be voyed by any suche letters patentes, to al intetes & purposes, as though they neuer had bene made,

made, but that theſayd actes and euery of them, and all & euery thyng
 and thynges vſed, committed, doen, ſuffered, or executed by auctoritie
 of theſame, ſhould be good, auaylable and perſyte in the lawe: And that
 theſayd reuocation, adnullation and repeale, ſhould be taken, to make
 voyde theſaid actes, and euery of them onely, from the tyme of theſayd
 reuocation, adnullation and repeale, and not otherwyle: The contrarie
 entendement and expoſition whereof, myght otherwyle, not onely diſco-
 rage all ſubiectes, durynge that tyme, and thoſe yerres to endeuor them-
 ſelues, to and for the aduiſyng, ſettyng furth, and conſentyng to the ma-
 kyng of good and whoſome lawes: but alſo ſhould cauſe theſaid ſub-
 iectes, to adiudge and thinke themſelues to lyue for that tyme, vnder no
 maner of certenty or aſſuraunce of any poſitiue lawe, or ſtatute, durynge
 that tyme to be made or prouided: Be it therefore enacted, by the kyng
 oure ſouereigne Lorde, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and tem-
 porall, and the comunons in this preſent Parliamente aſſembled, and by
 the auctoritie of theſame, that theſayd acte of Parliamente aboue re-
 cited, made in theſayd. xxviii. yere of the reigne of theſayd late kyng,
 and euery worde, article, claufe, mater, ſentence and thyng therein ſpeci-
 fyed and conteyned, ſhall, by auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, be,
 to all intentes, conſtructions and purpoſes, vtterlye voyde, adnulled,
 repelled, and of none effect, and as though theſame had neuer bene had
 ne made. Neuertheleſſe, to the intent the kynges Maieſtie oure ſouerei-
 gne Lorde, maye haue power, auctoritie, preeminence and prerogatiue
 at hys full age of. xxiii. yerres, or at anye tyme after, at his libertie and
 pleaſure, to repelle all ſtatutes and actes of Parliamente, aſwell made
 in this preſent Parliament, as hereafter in any other Parliament to be
 holden, befoze he ſhall accompliſhe theſayd age of. xxiii. yerres, to bee
 made or ordeyned, accor dyng to the true intent and meanyng of the ma-
 kers of theſayd former ſtatute: Be it further ordeyned and enacted by
 the auctoritie of thys preſent Parliament, that oure ſayd ſouereigne
 lord the kyng that now is, at his ful age of. xxiii. yerres, or at any tyme
 after, and all, and euery heyze, and heires of theſayd late kyng, & other
 perſone and perſones, to whom the Emperiall crowne of thys Realme
 ſhal hereafter deſcende, come, or remapn, by the appointment of theſaid
 late kyng, and by the ſtatutes of thys Realme in the tyme of theſame
 late kyng, in that caſe prouided and made, then beyng within the age
 of. xxiii. yerres, ſhall haue full power and auctoritie, by vertue of thys
 preſent acte, at all tymes, after he, or they ſhall come to hys, or their full
 age of. xxiii. yerres, by hys, or their letters Patentes, vnder the greate
 ſeale of Englande, to repelle all and ſynguler acte and actes, or anye of
 them, as be, or ſhalbe made, or eſtabliſhed, by his, or their royall aſſentes
 in any Parliament holden, or to be holden, durynge the tyme that he, or
 they, was, were, or ſhalbe, within theſayd age of. xxiii. yerres, other then
 this preſent acte of Parliament, and other then all pardons graunted,
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and to be graunted, within thesayed seuerall ages, of. xliiii. yeres, by aucthoritie of Parliamente, so that thesame repeale bee made and vsed in maner and fourme hereafter folowynge, that is to saye, that euery suche letters Patentis of repeale, shall conteyne all suche actes, as shall be repelled, and shall be solemnly and openly proclaimed in the kynges court of Chauncery, betwene the houres of. ix. and. xi. before none, at thre seuerall dayes, in euery of twoo of the foure vsuall termes, to be holden at Westmynster, or els where, within this realme of Englande, and also one tyme in euery countie of this Realme, and in Wales, at the seuerall Assises, to be holden in thesame seuerall counties, betwene lyke houres: and that then after fourtye dayes, nexte after suche Proclamation, in all and euery place and countie abouesayd, so had and made, thesayed letters Patentis of repeale, to take their force, strength and effecte, and not before, or from any other tyme or ceason, nor in anye other maner or fourme. And that all and euery suche acte and actes, aswell made in this Parliament, as hereafter to be made within thesayed age of. xliiii. yeres, of our seueraigne lord the kynges maiesie that now is, as in the tyme of any thesayed heire or heires, or other thesayd persone or persons, then beyng in possession of the imperiall crowne of this realme, and vnder the age of. xliiii. yeres, shall be good and effectuell, to all intents, constructions and purposes, vntyll thesayed letters Patentis of repeale, proclamations, and fortye dayes, shall be so had, made, runne, and passe: and that all, and euery acte and actes, thyng and thinges, vsed, had, committed, doen, suffered or executed, by the aucthoritie of thesayd acte or actes, or any of them, within any of thesayed ages of. xliiii. yeres accordyng to the purporthe, tenor and effecte of thesayd acte or actes, or any of them, shall be good and effectual for euer, thesayed repeale so to be made, in any wyse notwithstanding. And that all and euery persone and persones, bodys politique and corporate, shall, and maye by the aucthoritie of this present acte, from tyme to tyme, aswell after thesayd repeale as before, pleade, or alledge, for his or their defence, excuse, indemnitie, profite, benefyte, or aduantage, all and euery suche acte and actes, or anye of them, so reuoked, adnulled or repelled, or to be reuoked, adnulled, or repelled, for, concernyng, or in any wyse touchyng any thyng or thynges, had, vsed, graunted, suffered, possessed, committed, doen or accrued by the aucthoritie, sufferance, or force of thesayd acte and actes, or any of them, before the reuocation, adnullatio or repealyng of thesame, in such, and as ample maner and fourme, as yf thesayd acte and actes so to be reuoked, adnulled or repelled, and euery of them, had stande in his, and their full strength, force, and effecte, and as yf thesayd acte or actes, had neuer been reuoked, adnulled or repelled: anye thyng in suche repeale conteyned, notwithstanding.

Wherby all wayes, and be it also ordeyned, and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that no kyng or kynges of this realme, shall haue aucthoritie,

aucthoritie, power or prerogatiue, to repelle any acte of Parliament or statute, that shalbe made in the tyme of any kyng, before the said age of xxiij. yerres, other then such, as be, or shalbe made in his awne tyme, any thyng aboue mencioned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

20 An acte for the repeale of certayn statutes,
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¶ The. xii. Chapter.



Nothing beyng more Godly, more sure, more to be wysshed and despyred, betwixte a Prince, the supreme heade and ruler, and the subiectes, whose gouernour and heade he is then on the Princes part, great clementie and indulgentie, and rather to muche foreuenesse and remission of hys royall power and iuste punishemēt, then exact seueritie and iustice to be shewed: and on the subiectes behaulfe, that they should obeye rather for loue, and for the necessitie & loue of a kyng and prince, then for feare of his streight, and seuerer lawes: yet suche tymes, at some tyme commeth in the common wealthe, that it is necessary and expedient, for the repressyng of the insolentie and unrulynes of menne, and for the foresepyng and prouidyng of reamedies agaynst rebellion, insurrection, or suche mischefes, (as God sometyme beyng wyth vs displeased, for oure punishment doth inflict and lape vpon vs, or the deupll at Gods permission, to assaye the good and Gods electe, doth sowe, and set emonges vs) the whiche almighty God, with his healy and mannes pollicie, hath alwayes been content and pleased, to haue staped, that sharper lawes, as a harder byddle, should be made, to stape those men, and factes, that myght els be occasion, cause and aucthors of further inconuenience: The whiche thyng caused the Prince of moste famous memoire, kyng Henry the eighte, father to our sayed souereigne lord the kyng; and other hys highnes progenitors, with the assent of the nobles and commons, at diuerse Parliaments, in their seuerall tymes holden, to make and enacte certayne lawes and statutes, whiche myght seme and appere to men of exteriour realmes, and many of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, very streyght, soze, extreme and terrible, although they were then, when they were made, not without greate consideration and pollicie moued and establisshed, and for the tyme, to the aduoydaunce of further inconuenience, very expedient and necessary. But as in tempest or wynter, one course, and garment is conuenient, in calme or watme weather, a more liberall rate, or lighter garment, bothe maye, and ought to be folowed and vled: So we haue seen diuerse streight and soze lawes made in oure Parliamente, the tyme so requirypng, in a more calme and quiet reigne of another Prince, by the lyke aucthoritie and Parliament

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repelled and taken awaye. The whiche moſte high clementie, and royall example of his Maieſties moſte noble progenitours, the Kynges highnes, of his tendre and Godly nature, moſte geuen to mercy and loue of his ſubiectes, willing to folow: and perceyving the hartye and ſincere loue, that his moſte loupynge ſubiectes, both the lordes and comons, doth beare vnto his highnes, now in this his Maieſties tendre age, willing alſo to gratifye theſame therfore: and myndynge further to prouoke his ſayed ſubiectes, with greate indulgentie and clementie, ſhewed on hys highnes behalfe, to moze loue and kyndenes towardes his Maieſtie (yf it maye be) and vpon truſt, that they wyll not abuſe theſame, but rather be encoraged thereby, moze faithfully, & with moze diligence (yf it maye be) and care for his Maieſtie, to ſerue his highnes now, in this his tendre age, is contented and pleaſed, that the ſeuertie of certain lawes here folowynge, be mitigated and remitted: Be it therefore ordeined and enacted by the Kyng our ſouereigne lord, with the aſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this preſent Parliamente aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, that from hencefurth, none acte, dede, or offence, beyng by acte of Parliament or ſtatute, made treaſon, or petit treaſon, by wordes, wrytyng, cypphryng, dedes, or otherwyle whatſocuer, ſhalbe taken, had, demed, or adiudged to be high treaſon, or petit treaſon, but onely ſuche as be treaſon or petit treaſon, in, or by the acte of Parliament, or ſtatute, made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of the mooste noble Kyng of famous memozye, Kyng Edward the .iii. touchynge, or concernynge treaſon, or the declaracions of treaſons: and ſuche offences as hereafter ſhal by this preſent acte be expreſſed and declared, to be treaſon or petit treaſon, and none other, nor that anye paynes of death, penaltie or forfeiture in any wiſe enſue, or be, to any of the offenders, for the doyng or committynge any treaſon, or petit treaſon, other then ſuche, as be in theſayed eſtatute made in theſayed .xxv. yere of the reigne, of theſayed Kyng Edward the thyrde, or by this preſent eſtatute ordeyned or prouided: any acte or actes of Parliament, ſtatute or ſtatutes, had, or made at any tyme heretofore, or after theſayed .xxv. yere of the reigne, of theſayed late Kyng Edward the thirde, or any other declaration or matter to the contrary in any wyle, notwithstanding.

And alſo be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayed, that all actes of Parliament, and eſtatutes, touchynge, mencionynge, or in anye wyle concernynge religion or opinions, that is to ſaye, adwell the ſtatute made, in the firſt yere of the reigne, of the Kynges noble progenitour, Kyng Richard the ſeconde, and the ſtatute made in the ſeconde yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the fifth, and the ſtatute alſo made in the .xxv. yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the eight, concernynge puniſhment and reformation of Heretiques and Lollardes, and euery prouyſion therein conteyned, and the ſtatute made for the aboluſhment of diuerſitie of opinions, in certayn Articles, concernynge Chriſtian religion, commonly called

called the sixe articles, made in the Parliament, begon at Westmynster, the. xxviii. daye of Apryll, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne, of the moste noble and victorious Prince, of moste famous memory, Kyng Henry the eight, father to oure layed moste dread souereigne Lorde the kyng that now is: and also the acte of Parliamente and statute, made at the Parliament, begon at Westmynster, the. xvi. daye of Januarii, in the. xxiii. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, and after that proroged vnto the. xxii. daye of Januarii, in the. xxiiii. yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, touchyng, mencionyng, or in any wyse concernyng boke of the Olde and Newe Testamente in Englihe, and the pryncyng, vttering, sellyng, geuyng or deliueryng, of boke, or wrytynges, and reteignyng of English boke or wrytynges, and readyng, preachyng, teachyng, or expoundyng of Scripture, or in anye wyse, touchyng, mencionyng or concernyng anye of thesame matters. And also one other statute, made in the Parliamēt holden at Westmynster, in the. xxv. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the. viii. concernyng the qualification of the statute of sixe Articles, and all and euery other acte or actes of Parliament, cōcernyng doctrine, or matters of Religion, and all, and euery braunche, artycle, sentence, and matter, peynes, and forsaictures, conteyned mencioned, or in any wyse declared, in any of thesame actes of Parliamēt. or statutes, shal, from hensurfurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And be it further ordeined and enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that all offences made felonye, by any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made sythens the. xxiii. daye of Apryll, in the first yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, not beyng felonye before, and also, all and euery the braunches and Articles mencioned, or in any wyse declared, in any of thesame Statutes, concernyng the making of any offence or offences to be felony, not beyng felony before: & all peynes, and forsaictures, concernyng thesame, or any of theim, shal, from hensurfurth be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it also ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that one acte made in the parliamēt holden at Westmynster, in the. xxi. yere of the reigne, of thesayed late kyng Henry the eighte, that Proclamations made by the kynges highnes, by the aduyse of hys honorable counsaill, shoulde be obeyed and kept, as though they were made by aucthoritie of parliament: And also one other acte made in the parliament, holden in the. xxiiii. yere of the reigne of thesayed late kyng Henry the eight, for the due execution of thesayed proclamations: and also all and euery braunche, article, & matter in thesame statutes, & in euery of theim mencioned or declared, shal, from hensurfurthe be repelled, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte.

And be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed that if any persone or persones, at any tyme after the iustt daye of Marche nexte comyng, by

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open preachyng, expresse woordes or saynges, do affirme, or setfurthe, that the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or ought not to be supreamie heade in yearth, of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediatly vnder God, or that the Bishop of Rome, or any other persone, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, supreme heade of thesame Churches, or of any of them: or that the kyng, his heires or successours, kynges of this realme, is not, or ought not to be the kyng of Englande, Fraunce and Irelande, or of any of them: or after thesaied first daie of Marche, do compasse, or imagyn by open preachyng, expresse woordes, or saynges, to depose or depriue the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles, to, or of the realmes aforesayd, or do openly publish, or save by expresse woordes or saynges, that any other person, or persons, other then the kyng, his heires, or successours, kynges of this realme, of right ought to be kynges of the realmes aforesayd, or of any of them, or to haue and entoye thesame, or any of them: that then euery suche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted, or attainted by the lawes of this realme, their aidours, comfortors, abbetors, procurors, and counsaillors, for his or their suche first offence, shall lose and forfait to the kyng, all his, and their gooddes, and cattalles, and also shall haue and suffre imprisonmet of his, and their bodyes, at the kynges wyll and pleasure. And if any persone, beyng once couicted or attainted of any of thesaied offences, shall, after his sayed conuiction or attainder, efflones commit or perpetrate any of the offences befoze mencioned, other then such, as be expresse in thesaied estatute made in thesaied. xxv. yere of kyng Edward the thirde, and shall be thereof duely conuicted or attainted, by the lawes of this realme: that then euery suche offendour, their aidours, comfortors, abbetors, procurors and counsaillors, for his, or their sayed second offence, or offences, shall lose and forfait to the kyng, the whole issues and profytes of all hys, and their landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, benefytes, prebendes, and other spirituall promotions for terme of the life of such offendour or offendours: and shall also lose and forfait to the kyng, all hys, and their gooddes, and cattalles, and also suffre, duryng his, and their lyfes, perpetuall imprisonment, of his, and their bodyes. And yf anye person, beyng two tymes hereafter conuicted or attainted of any of thesame offences, shall, after his saied second conuiction or attainder, efflones commit or perpetrate again, any of thesaied offences, and be thereof duely conuicted or attainted by the lawes and statutes of this realme: that then euery suche thyrde offence or offences, shall be deemed and adyudged hygh treason, and the offendour and offendours, their aidours, comfortors, abbetors, procurors, and counsaillors, beyng therein conuicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shall be deemed and adyudged hygh traitors, and shall suffre

suffre peynes of death, and lose & forsaite all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that yf anye person, or persones, at any tyme after thesaied first daye of Marche next commynge, by wrytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede or acte do affyrme, or setfurth, that the kyng of this realme, for the tyme beyng, is not, or oughte not to be supzeme heade in yearth of the churche of Englande and Irelande, or of any of them, immediately vnder God: or shall, by wrytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, after thesaied first daye of March, affirme, or setfurth, that the Bilhop of Rome, or any other perion, or persones, other then the kyng of Englande, for the tyme beyng, is, or ought to be by the lawes of God, or otherwyle, the supzeme heade in yearth, of thesaime churches, or of any of them: or do, after thesaied firste daye of Marche, compassse, or imagyn, by wrytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, to depose or depriue the kyng, hys heires or successours, kynges of thys realme, from his, or their royall estate, or titles of the kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, or of any of them: or by any wrytyng, pryntynge, ouert dede, or acte, do affirme, that any other persone, or persones, other then the kyng, his heires, and successours, is, or of right ought to be kyng of the realmes of England, Fraunce, or Irelande, or to haue and enioye thesaime, or any of them: that then euery iuch offence and offences shalbe demed, and adiudged high treason, and the offendor, & offendors, their aydozs, comfortozs, abbettozs, procurozs, and counsaillors, therein convicted or attainted, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, shalbe demed & adiudged high traitors and shal suffer peines of death, and lose and forsaite all their gooddes and cattalles, landes and tenementes, to the kyng, as in cases of high treason.

Provided allwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this estatute, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyle extend, to repell, adnull, or make frustrate or voyde any acte or actes of Parliament, statute or statutes, made, concernyng the counterfaictyng, or forgyng of anye of the coynes of this Realme, or of the coyne of anye other realme or realmes, currante within this realme, or for clippynge, washynge, or filyng of any of thesaied coynes, or for, or concernyng the bringyng into thys realme, of counterfaicte money or coyne: ne to any statute, made in the. xxvii. yere of thesaied late kyng Henry the. viii. concernyng the falsse forgyng and counterfaictyng of the kynges signes Manuell, preuey signate, or preuey scale, ne to their counsaillors, procurozs, aydozs, and abbettozs, nor to any article, or braunche, concernyng thesaime offences, or any of them, conteyned in thesaime statutes, or any of them.

And bee it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that yf any the heires of the kyng, our sayed soueraigne Lorde that now is, or anye person or persones, to whom the crowne and dignitie of thys realme is

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limited and appoynted by acte of Parliamente, made in the .xxxv. yere of the reigne of the sayed late Kyng Henry the eight, or the heires of any of them, do at any tyme hereafter, vsurpe the one of them vpon the other, in the crowne of this realme, or demaunde, chalenge, or claime the same, otherwys, or in any other forme or degre of discente, or succession, or in any other court, forme, degre, or condition, but onely in suche manner and forme, as is declared by the sayde statute: or yf any of the sayed heires, or persones aforesayd, do interrupte, or let the Kynges highnes that now is, peaceably and quietly to kepe, haue, and enioye the sayed imperiall crowne: that then, all and synguler the offenders, their aydoers, comfortors, abbetors, procuroers, and counsaillors therein, shalbe deemed and adiudged hygh traytors, and shall suffer, and incurre the pynnes of death, losses and forfaitures, as is aforesayd in cases of high treason.

And it is further ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that no persone or persones, that heretofore hath been, or at any tyme hereafter shalbe in due forme of the lawes attaynted or conuicted of murder of malice prepenfed, or of poysonyng of malice prepenfed, or of breakyng of any house by daye or by night, any persone beyng then in the same house, where the same breakyng heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe committed, and heretofore hath been, or hereafter shalbe thereby put in feare, or dread, or of, or for robbynge of any person or persones in the high waye, or nere to the high waye, or for felonious stealyng of Horses, Geldynges or Mares, or of felonious takyng of any gooddes, out of any parishe Churche, or other Churche or Chapell, or beyng indicted or appealed of any of the same offences, and thereupon found gylty, by verdict of twelue men, or shall confesse the same vpon his or their arraignment, or wyll not answer directly, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, or shall stand wilfully, or of malice mute, it all not be admitted to haue or enioye the priuilege or benefyte of hys cleargie or Sanctuary, but shalbe put from the same: and that in all other cases of felony, other then suche, as be before mencioned, all and synguler persone, and persones, whiche after the fyrste daye of Marche nexte commyng, shalbe arraigned or found gylty, vpon his or their arraignment, or shall confesse the same, or stande mute, in forme aforesayd, or wyll not answer directly in forme abouesayd, shall haue and enioye the priuilege and benefyte of his, or their cleargie, the libertie and priuilege of Sanctuarie, in lyke maner and forme, as he, or they myght, or should haue doen before the .xxiii. daye of Apryll, in the firste yere of the reigne of the sayed late Kyng Henry the eight.

Provided allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that all clauses, articles, and sentences, mencioned, or specified in any acte or actes of Parliament, statute, or statutes, made in the tyme of the reigne of the sayed late Kyng Henry the eighte, touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng

concernyng any maner of Challenge, for the Countie, Hundreth, or Remptourye challenge, or any of them, or touchyng, or in any wyse concernyng any maner of tryall of foreyn pleas pleaded by murderers, felons, or other offendours, shall, as concernyng thesayed challenges and tryalles, remainyng in their force and strengthe, not repelled, any thyng in this acte mencioned, soundyng or seemyng to the contrary, in any wyse, notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that this acte of Parliament, or any thyng therein mencioned, as concernyng the repeale of any estatute or estatutes, made, touchyng treason, or mispryson of treason, shall not in any wyse geue any maner of benefite, aduantage, or commoditie, to any persone, or persones, beyng the last daye of October last past, arrested, or imprysoned for treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason, or to any person or persones, heretofore beyng indicted of treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason, or to any other person, or persons, beyng likewise convicted, outlawed, or attaynted of treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason: or beyng fled beyode the seas, or into Scotland, befoze thesayed last day of October last past, for any treason, petit treason, or mispryson of treason: But that they, and euery of them, shall suffer suche paynes of death, losses and forsaictures, of landes, & gooddes, as in cases of treason, as though this acte had neuer been had or made: any thyng in this acte, to the contrary in anywise, notwithstandinge. And that the lawes and Statutes, repelled by this acte, shall stande agaynst them, and euery of them, in full strength, vertue, force, and effectte, concernyng all, and euery offence by them, or any of them, heretofore committed or doen.

Provided also, and be it ordeyned & enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that all wyllfull killyng, by poysonyng of any persone, or persones, that at any tyme hereafter shall be doen, perpetrated, or committed, shall be adiudged, taken and demed, wyllfull murders of malyce prepen- sed: and that the offendours therein, their aydoers, abbettors, procuroers, and counsaillors shall suffer death, and forsaicte in euery behalfe, as in other cases of wyllfull murder of malice prepen- sed.

And ouer that, be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayed, that in all and euery case and cases, where any of the kynges maiesties subiectes, shall and may vpon his prayer haue the priuilege of cleargie as a clerke conuicte, that maye make purgation in all thole cases, and euery of the, and also in all, and euery case and cases of felony, wherein the priuilege and benefite of cleargie is restreyned, excepted, or taken awaye by this estatute, or acte (wyllfull murder, and poysonyng of malyce prepen- sed, onely excepted) the Lorde and Lordes of the Parliament, and pere and pces of the Realme, haupyng place and voyce in Parliament, shall, by vertue of this present acte, of common grace, vpon his, or their request or prayer, alledgyng that he is a lorde, or pere of this Realme, and clai- myng

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myng the benefite of this acte, though he cannot read, without any buryng in the hande, losse of inheritauce, or corruption of his blood, bee iudged, demed, taken and vled for the fyrste tyme onely, to all ententes, constructions and purposes, as a clerke conuicte, and shalbe in case of a clerke conuicte, whiche maye make purgation, withoute anye further, or other benefyte, or priuilege of cleargie, to any such lord or pere, from thensfurthe at any tyme after, for any case to be allowed, adiudged, or admitted, any lawe, statute, vlage, custome, or anye other thyng, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Þrouded alwayes, that yf any of thesated lordes of the Parliament, or any of the peres of this Realme, for the tyme beyng, shall fortune to be indicted of any of þe offences, linyted in this acte; That then, they and euery of them, shal haue his, or their trall, by their peres, as it hath been vled heretofore in cases of high treason.

And be it further eniacted by aucthoritie aforesayed, that yf anye persone, or persones, that by this statute, or by anye other statutes, or lawes of this Realme ought to haue, or be admitted, to the benefyte of his, or their cleargie; that thesame persone and persones, shalbe from hensefurthe, admitted and allowed, to haue his, or their cleargie, although they, or any of them haue been dyuerse and sundery tymes maryed to any synglc woman, or synglc women, or to any wydowe, or wydowes, or to twoo wyfes, or mo: any lawe, statute, or vlage, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that albeit any persone, or persones, of what estate, condition, or degre, he, or they be, shall hereafter fortune to be attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed of anye treason, petit treason, mispyllion of treason, murder, or felonye whatsoever: yet that notwithstanding, euery woman, that is or shall fortune to be wyfe of the persone so attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed, shalbe endowhable and enhabled to demaunde, haue and enioye her dower, in lyke maner and fourme, as though her husbände had not been attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed: anye statute, lawe, vlage, or custome, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding. Sauyng to all and euery other persone, and persones, bodyes politiquc and corpozate, their heires and successours, and to euerye of them, other then to suche offendor, or offendours, as shalbe attaynted, conuicted, or outlawed, all suche ryght, title, interest, entre, leases, possession, condition, proffyte, commoditie, and hereditamentes, as they, or any of them had, or should, or of right oughte to haue, befoze, or at the tyme of thesayed attaynder, conuiction, or vtlagary.

Þrouded also, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that one Acte made at the Parliament holden at Westmynstet, vpon diuerse prorogatiōs, the.iiii. daye of February, in the.xvii.yere of thesayed late kyng Henry the.viii.and there cōtinued and kept, vntyll the.xviii.daye of April

of Apryll then nexte ensuyng, concernyng and touchyng the felonious takyng awaye by anye seruaunt, the gooddes or cattalles of the Maister, or Maistres, and all artycles, and sentences conteyned in thesame acte, shall stande, bee, and remaine in full strength, force, and effecte, in suche maner and fourme, as it dyd befoze the makyng of this present acte, the repeale, or renouation of the actes abouesayed, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prourded allwayne, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that no person or persons, shall in any wyle be impeached, or put to answer, for any of the offences abouesayed, concernyng treasons, by open preachyng, or wordes onely, onlesse the partie offender or offenders, be thereof accused, within .xxx. daies, next after thesame open preachyng, or wordes, so spoken or declared. yf the accusors shall fortune to be within this realme, duryng thesayed space of .xxx. dayes, next after thesayed offence committed, or doen. And yf the accusors shall happen to be out of this realme, duryng thysayed space of .xxx. dayes: then the partie or parties so offendyng, shalbe accused, as is aforesayed, within sixe monethes, next after thesame preachyng, or wordes so spoken or declared: or els the partie or parties, so offendyng, their aydozs, comfortors, abbettozs, and counsaillors, or any of them, not to be impeached, or put to answer for any such offence or offences: And that thesame accusation or accusatiōs, so to be had, made and declared, shalbe made to one of the kynges counsaill, or to one of the kynges Justices of Assise, or els to one of the kynges Justices of Peace, beyng of the Quorum, or to two Justices of the Peace, within the Shire, where thesame offence, or offences, shall happen to be doen or comitted: any thyng conteyned in this acte, to the contrary thereof in any wyle notwithstanding.

Prourded also, and be it declared and enacted, by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that concelement, or keepyng secrete any high treason, shalbe from hencefurth adiudged, demed and taken, mispyllion of treason, and the offendor therein, shall forfaitte and suffer, as in cases of mispyllion of treason, as heretofore hath been vsed: Any thyng aboue mencioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

Prourded also, and be it declared & enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayed, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende, to charge or make any person, or persones, to be offendor, or offendors, in any of the articles abouesayed, for callyng, namyng, sayyng, writyng, or printyng the frenche kyng, for the tyme beyng, by the name of the kyng of fraunce, or frenche kyng: Any thyng aboue declared or enacted, to the contrary in any wyle notwithstanding.

Prourded allwayes, and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that no persone or persones, after the first daye of february nexte comyng, shalbe indicted, arraigned, condempned, or conuicted, for anye offence of treason, petit treason, mispyllion of treason, or for any wordes
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before specified, to be spoken after the sayed firste daye of february, for which thesame offendour, speaker, offendours, or speakers, shall in any wise suffer any peines of death, imprisonment, losse, or forfeiture of his goodes, cattalles, landes or tenementes: onlesse thesame offendour, speaker, offendours, or speakers, be accused by twoo sufficiente and lawfull wytnesses, or shall willyngly, without violence, confesse thesame.

An Acte for a Subsidy of tonnage and poundage of merchaundises, with a prouiso for the confirmation of the priuileges of the merchants of the Stapellharde, whiche prouiso shall indure but onely to the ende of this Parliament.

The. xiii. Chapter.



In their moste humble wyle shewe vnto your moste excellent Maiestie, your poore Commons in thys your present Parliament assembled, that where aswell your mooste dereft father of famous memory kyng Henry the eight, as also your mooste worthy graunde father kyng Henry the seuenth, and other your noble Progenitours kynges of thys your realme of Englande, tyme out of mynde, haue had graunted vnto thein, and enioyed of the Commons of thesame Realme for the tyme beyng, by auctoritie of Parliament, for the defence of the same, now your realme, and the keepyng and sauegarde of the seas, for the entercourse of merchaundys, safely to come into thesame your realme, and to passe out of thesame, certayn summes of money, named subsidies of all maner of goodes and merchaundyses, comyng in, or goyng out of thesame your realme: And forasmuche as we your sayed poore Commons haue perceyued your Maiesties good fauor and wyl towarde vs your sayed poore Commons, had aswell in the defence of vs, and this your realme, agaynst your rebels the Scottes, as also the keepyng and sure defendyng of the seas agaynst all persones, intendyng the disturbance and inuasion of this your realme, and vs your sayed Commons to our greate comforte and reioysyng, as cause requirerh, and to your Maiesties greate costes, charges, and expenses, and also not doubtyng the sequele of thesame, yf neede shall require: We therefore your sayed poore Commons, as bounden of duetie, humbly desyre your excellent Maiestie, benignely and fauorably to take, accepte, and receyue these our poore grauntes hercafter insuyng, as graunted of true hartes and good wylles, whiche wee beare to your highnes towarde your sayed greate costes, charges and expenses, aswell heretofore expended and layed oute, as hereafter by your Maiestie for the causes aforesayed, when neede shall require, to be expended and layed oute, as the fyrste scrupes of our good wylles and hartes towarde your highnes although thesame do, or hereafter shall nothyng in effect counteruayle your

your said costes, charges and expenses, whyche we be not habile fully to gratysie by any meanes. ffirste, we your pooze Commons by the aduise and assent of the Lordes spirituall and tempozall, in thys your present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, to the intent afore sayd, geue and graunt to you our sayd souereygn Lord, one subsidie called Connage, that is to say, of euery Tunne of wyne commyng, oz that shall, oz is come into thys your realme, by wape of merchaundyse, the summe of.iii. s. & so after the rate: And of euery Tūne of swete wine, aswell Malmsley as other, that shall, oz is come into thesame poure realme, by euery, oz any merchaunt Alien, aswel by the merchautes of Haunle and Almain, as by any other merchaūt straungier, of what nacion soeuer he bee. iii. s. and so after the rate, ouer and aboue the.iii. s. afore graunted. And of euery awne of Reynishe wine commyng, oz that shall, oz is come into thys your realme by way of merchaundise, by euery oz any merchaunt denison oz alien, of what nacion soeuer he be. xii. d. And also one other subsidie called Poundage, that is to saye, of all maner of gooddes and Merchaundyses, of euery Merchaunt Denison and alien whatsoeuer he bee, caried and to bee caried out of thys your sayed realme, oz brought, oz to be brought into thesame by wale of merchaundises, of the value of euery. xx. s. of thesame gooddes and merchaundises. xii. d. and so after the rate. And of euery. xx. s. value of tynne and pewter vessell caried out of this your Realme, by any & euery merchaunt alien. xii. d. ouer and aboue the. xii. d. afore sayd. Excepte all wapes and forpypled out of thys graunt of subsidy of Poundage, all maner of wollen clothe made and wrought, oz that shalbe made & wrought wythin this your Realme of Englande, and by euery oz any merchaunt denison and not bozne alien, caried oz to be caried out of this your sayd Realme, and all maner wolle, wollefelles, and hydes, and backes of lether also caried, oz to bee caried out of thys your realme: and all wynges and all maner freshfishe and bestiall, commyng, oz that is, oz shall come into thesame your realme.

And further we your sayed pooze commons by the aduise, assent and aucthoritie afore sayd, geue and graunt vnto you our sayd souereygne Lord, for the causes aboue reherced, one other Subsidy of al maner of Wolle, Wollefelles and lether, caried, oz to bee caried out of thys your realme in maner and forme folowyng, that is to say, of euery merchaūt denison, of & for euery sacke of wolle. xxiii. s. iii. d. And of euery. cc. xl. wollefelles. xxxiii. s. iii. d. And of & for euery last of hides and backes, of euery such merchaunt denison. iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And also of euery merchaunt straungier, not bozne your liege man, aswell those that be made denisons, as hereafter shalbe made by letters patentes oz otherwyle, as all other merchaunt straungiers, of and for euery sacke of wolle. iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And of and for euery. CC. xl. wollefelles. iii. l. vi. s. viii. d. And also of euery last of hides and backes. iii. l. xiii. s. iii. d. And so of

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all thesayed wolles, wollefelles, hides and backes, and euery of theym after the rate that so is or shalbe caried: To haue, take, enioye and perceyue the Subsidies aforesaid, and euery of them, and euery part and percell of them to your highnes, from the fyrst day of your moste noble reygne, durynge your life naturall.

And further we your sayd pooze Commōs moste humbly desire your maiestie, that it maye be enacted by your highnes, by the aduise and assent of the Lordes aforesayd, and vs your sayd Commons, and by the foresayd aucthoritie of this present parliament assembled, that the gyftes and grauntes aforesaid, shalbee good and effectuell, accordyng to the true meanyng of thesame. And that it maye bee further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that if any wines, gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles, hides & backes of lether aforesayd, or other thynges aforespecified, wherof the subsidies aforesayd, or any of the, is or shalbe hereafter due, shall at any tyme hereafter durynge the tyme aforesayd, be shipped or put into any Boate, Crayer, Ship or vessel, to that intent to bee caried into the parties of beyonde the sea, or els be brought from the parties of beyond the sea, into any Port, Haven, Creeke or other place of this your realme by waye of merchaundise, and there layed on lande, the Subsidy aforesayd of thesame, (due or to bee due by reason of thys graunt) not payed, or the Collector of thesame subsidy not agreed wyth for thesame, accordyng to the true meanyng and intent of these aforesayd grauntes, and euery of them: that then from the firste daye of Marche nexte comynge, and not before, all thesayed wynes, gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles, hides and backes, and other the premisses aforesayd, and euery parte and percell therof so shipped, or els put into any Boate, Crayer or other vessel aforesayd, to the intent aforesayd, or brought into this Realme, & there laied on lande, as is also aforesaid, shall remain forfait to your highnes, durynge the tyme aforesayd: the one moytie therof, or the value therof to your highnes, and the other moytie to hym or them that shall seaze thesame or lue for thesame. And that it maye please your highnes that all merchauntes, aswell denizens as straungiers, comynge into this your Realme, be wel and honestly intreated and demeaned, as they were in the tyme of your aforesayd noble progenitors, without oppression to thym to bee doen, payng the Subsidies abouesayd.

And further, that it be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that if any gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wollefelles or lether aforesaid, or any part therof, of any merchaunt demison, naturally bozne your liege man, whych shall passe out of thys your said realme, after thesayd first day of Marche, durynge the terme of thys gifte and graunt, shall happen to be taken wyth enemyes or Pirates vpon the sea, or perished by infortune in any Shyp or Shyppes, that shall happen to be taken or perished within the tyme of thesaid graunt, wherof the Subsidies aforesayd or any
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of theim to your highnes due or to bee due, is, or shalbe in forme aforesaid duely paid or agreed for, without fraude or collusion; and suche losse or losses as been before rehersed, bee found and proued before the Threasorer of Englande, or the chief Baron of your Eschequer for the tyme beyng, by the examinacion of thesame merchauntes, if thei bee on liue, or of their executors or administrators, if thei bee dedde, or twoo true credible persones sworne, or other reasonable witnessses and profes sworne, witnessyng thesame merchaundises so to be lost or perished: that then thesame merchauntes denizons, that wer or shalbe owners of the aforesaid gooddes, merchaundises, wolles, wolleselles, hides or other merchaundises aforesaid, as shalbe so perished or lost, if thei bee on liue, or their executors and administrators, if thei be dedde, and euery of theim, by force and vertue of this acte when theim liketh, durynge thesaid terme, shall moue ship asmuiche wolles, wolleselles, hydes or other merchaundise in thesame Port or Portes, in whiche thesame wolles, wolleselles, hides or other gooddes and merchaundises aforesaid, so lost and perished, wer or shalbe shipped without any of the Subsidies aforesaid, now graunted, to be had or paid therfore to you in any wise and that all suche profes of the premilles so to be losse or perished, bee certified into your Chauncery, by your said Threasorer or chief Baro there to remain of Record, and after suche certificat made, the Chauncelor of Englande, or the lord keper of your greete seale, for the tyme beyng, do make and deliuer vnto thesaid merchauntes, their executors or administrators or any of theim, or to their attornei or attorneys in that behaulfe, or any of them, asmany and suche writtes and warrantes, to be directed aswell to the Collectors of the Subsidies aforesaid, or any, or euery of theim for the tyme beyng, as to the Threasorer and Barons of your Eschequer for the tyme beyng, as shalbe requisite and nedefull for thesaid merchauntes, their executors or administrators, or their attornei or attorneys or any of them, or thesaid Collectors or any of them, to haue for the obtaynyng, aswell of the Shippynge, as of allowaunce therof: And further that euery merchaunt denizon, that shall ship hereafter any wolles, wolleselles, hides, or any other gooddes and merchaundises in any Carricke or Galley, shall paie to your maiestie durynge the tyme aforesaid, all maner of Customes and all the Subsidies aforesaid, as any alien bozne out of this your realme.

Provided alwaies, that no acte, statute or ordinaunce, had, made or to be made in this present parliament, be in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall vnto the merchauntes of the Hanse in Almayn, haupyng the house in the citee of London, commonly called Guylhalda Theutonicorum, nor to any fraunchises, liberties or priuileges to them or their predecessors before this tyme had, agreed, graunted or confirmed, nor to any lawfull usages by them or by their predecessors before this tyme vsed, but that thesaid merchauntes and their successors, haue, holde and enjoye all

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their saied fraunchises, liberties and free vsages, accordyng to suche grauntes, confirmacions and agrementes, as by the kyng and his noble progenitozs kynges of Englande haue been agreed, made & graunted, and had to thesaied merchauntes or their predecessozs, and accordyng to their lawfull vsages in euery thing, by whatsoeuer other name or names, thesame merchauntes or any of theim bee called or named, any acte, statute, or ordinaunce made or to be made in this present parliament to the contrary notwithstanding: This present prouiso to endure and continue vnto the ende of this present parliament.

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¶ An acte, whereby certain Chaunteries, Colleges, free Chapelles, and the possessions of thesame, bee geuen to the kynges Maiestie.



THE kynges moste loupng subiectes, the lordes spiritual and tempozall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, consideryng that a great part of supersticion and errozs in Christian religiõ hath been brought into the myndes and estimacion of men, by reason of the ignoraunce of their very true and perfecte saluacion, through the death of Iesus Christ, and by deuising and phantasying vain opinions of Purgatoz, and Masses satisfactorie, to be doen for the, which be departed: The whiche doctryne and vain opinion, by nothyng moze is mainteined, and vpholden, then by the abuse of Trentalles, Chaunteries, and other prouisions, made for the continuaunce of thesaid blindenes and ignoraunce: And further consideryng and vnderstandyng, that the alteracion, chaunge, and amendemēt of thesame, and conuerting to good and Godly bles, as in erectyng Grammer schooles to the eouacacion of youthe in vertue and Godlines, the further augmyntyng of the vniuersities, and better prouision for the poore and nedey, cannot in this present parliament be prouided and conueniently doen, nor can not, ne ought to any other maner person be committed, then to the kynges highnes, whose Maiestie, with, and by the aduise of his highnesse moste prudent counsaill, can and will moste wisely, and beneficially, bothe for the honoz of God, and the weale of this his maiesties realme, orde, alter, conuerte, and dispose thesame: And callyng further to their remembraunce, that in the parliament holden at Westminster the. xxxvij. yere of the reigne of our late souereigne lord kyng Henry the eight, farther to our moste dread and naturall souereigne Lorde the kyng, that now is: It was ordeined, enacted, and established emongest other thinges, that al and singuler Colleges, fre Chapelles, Chaunteries, Hospitales, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Gylde, and other promotions, mencioned in thesaied former acte, had or made, to haue continuaunce

in perpetuallie for euer, and then beyng, or that had, or ought to be contributory or chargeable to the payment of the first frutes and tenthes, accordyng to the lawes and statutes in that behaulfe had and made, by what name, surname, degree, or corporacion, thei, or any of them, wer founded, ordeined, established, erected, named, called, or knowen: and al and synguler the mansion, houses, manours, or tithardes, gardens, landes, tenementtes, pastures, wooddes, waters, rétes, reuercions, seruices, commons, tithes, pencions, porcions, churches, chapelles, aduoucions, nominaciōs, patronages, annuities, rightes, interestes, entrees, cōdicions, leetes, courtes, liberties, priuileges, fraunchises, & other hereditamentes whatsoeuer, then apperteynyng, or belonging, or that did appertain or belōg, or wer assigned or appointed, to any such College, fre chapel, Chauntry, Hospital, fraternitie, brotherhed, guild, stipendary priest, or other thesaid promociōs, or to any of them, or accepted, knowen, or taken as part, percell or mēbre of the, or of any of the: & to thesaid Colleges, Chauntreis, fre Chapels, Hospitalles, fraternities, Brotherhed, guild, stipendary priestes, or other promociōs, or to any of the vnited, or annierd: whiche betwene the.iiii. daie of february, in the. xxvii. yere of thesaid late kynges reigne, & the. xxb. day of December in the. xxxvii. of his graces reigne, by reason of any entree, expulsio, bargain, sale, feoffmēt, fine, recovery, lease, or other cōueiaūce therof made, wer dissolved, determined or relinquished, by any of the waies, meanes, or conueiaūces, mencioned in thesaid acte, or otherwise, other then suche of them, as then wer in the possession of thesaid late kyng, or that wer graunted, or assured by his licence, agrement, consent, or letters patentes, to any persone, or persones, or then had been lawfully obtained, or recovered by any person, by any former right, or title, without fraude, or couyn, or by the kynges licence, should from thencefurthe by auctoritie of thesame former acte, be adiudged and demed, and also be in the very actual and reall possession and seasion of thesaid late kyng, & of his heites and successors for euer: in as large and ample maner, as thesaid priestes, wardens, masters, ministers, gouernors, rulers, or other incumbentes, or any of them, or the patrons, donors, or foundors of them, or any of the m at any tyme sythens thesaid fourth daie of february, in the. xxvii. yere aforesaid, had, occupied or enioied, or then had, occupied, or enioyed the same, and as though all and singuler thesaid Colleges, Chauntreis, Hospitalles, fre Chapelles, fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other thesaid promociōs, and thesaid manours, landes, tenementtes, hereditamentes, and other the premisses whatsoeuer thei bee, and euer of them had been in thesaid former acte, specially, particularly, and certainly reherced, named, and expressed, by expresse wordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles and faculties, and in their naturall kyndes and qualities: thesaid entrees, expulsions, bargaynes, sales, fynes, feoffementes, recoveries, or other assuraunce, and conueighaunce whatsoe-

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uer thei were, had or made (excepte before in the former acte excepted) to the contrary notwithstanding. And where also it was enacted and graunted to thesaid late kyng, by thesaid former acte, that thesame late kyng, durynge his naturall life, might make, and directe his Commission, and Commissions, vnder his greate seale, to entre into all and singular suche and almaney Chauntreys, free Chapelles, Hospitalles, Colleges, and other the promotions mencioned in thesaid former acte and into al, & singular suche Manours, Mansions, Houses, Measses, Landes, Tenementes, Pastures, Wooddes, Waters, Rentes, Reuercions, Seruices, Possessions, and other Hereditamentes whatsoeuer, or into any parte, or percell thereof, in the name, season, and possession of all the Hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongynge, or apperteynyng to any Chauntry, Hospitall, free Chapell, College, Fraternitie, Brotherhedde, Gylde, or other thesaid promotions, or wherof any Priestes, Prouostes, Gouvernoirs, Rulers, and other Incumbentes of them, or any of the by what name, surname, degree, title, or Corporacion, thei, and euery of them, or any of them were founded, erected, ordeined, established, named, called, or knowen, then had, or enioyed, or that thereafter should haue or enioye, to thesaid Chauntreys, Hospitalles, free Chapelles, Colleges, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, or other thesaid promotions, that then were chargeable to the payment of the firste frutes, and Tenthes: and all Colleges that wer chargeable, or not chargeable to thesaid payment of the first frutes, and tenthes, as is aforesaid, or to any of them, as should be named, expresse and appoynted in thesaid commission or commissions: and to seile and take thesame Chauntreys, Hospitalles, Colleges, free Chapelles, Fraternities, Brotherheddes, Guildes, and other thesaid promotions, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premisses mencioned in thesaid Commission, or commissions, and in euery of them, and euery parte, percell, and membre of thesame, into the kinges possession and handes: to haue and to hold the same to thesaid late kyng, and to his heires and successors for euer, as by thesaid former acte, enoughest other thynges, more at large appereth: it is now ordeined, and enacted by the kyng our souereigne lord, with the assent of the Lordes and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that all maner of Colleges, free Chapelles, and Chauntreys, haunyng, beyng, or in esse, within five yerres next before the first date of this present Parliament, whiche were not in actuall and reall possession of thesaid late kyng, nor in the actuall and reall possessio of the kyng our souereigne lord that now is, nor excepted in thesaid former acte, in forme abouesaid, other then suche, as by the kynges Commissions in forme hereafter mencioned, shalbee altered, transposed or chaunged: and al Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Pensions, Portions, and other Hereditamentes, and thynges aboue mencioned, belongynge to them, or any of them: and
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also all Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentcs, and other Hereditamentes, and thinges aboue mencioned, by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, will, deuise, or otherwise, had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, geuen, assigned, limited, or appointed, to the findyng of any Priest, to haue continuaunce for euer: and wherewith, or whereby, any Priest was susteined, mainteined, or found, within fiue yercs next before the first daie of this present parliamēt, whiche wer not in the actuall and reall possession of thesaid late kyng, nor in the actuall & reall possessiō of our souereigne lord the kyng that now is: and also, all annuall rentes, profites, and emolumentes, at any tyme within fiue yercs next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, employed, paid, or bestowed, toward, or for the mainteinaunce, supportaciō, or findyng of any Stipendary priest, intended by any acte, or writyng to haue continuaunce for euer, shall, by thauthozitie of this present Parliament, immediatly after the feast of Easter next cōpyng, be adiudged and demed, and also bee in the very actuall and reall possession and season of the kyng our souereigne lord, and his heires and successors, for euer, without any office or other inquisicion therof to bee had or found, and in as large & ample maner and forme, as the Priests, Wardens, Masters, Ministers, Gouvernoirs, Rulers, or other incumbentes of them, or any of them, at any tyme within fiue yercs next before the beginnyng of this present Parliament, had, occupied, or enioyed, or now hath, occupieth, or enioyeth thesame, and as though all and singuler thesaid Colleges, free Chapelles, Chaütres, Stipendes, Salaries of Priests, and thesaid Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamētes, and other the premilles whatsoeuer thei be, and euery of them, were in this present acte specially, particularly, and certainly reherfed, named, and expressed, by expresse woordes, names, surnames, corporacions, titles, and faculties, and in their natures, kyndes, and qualities.

And ouer that, bee it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that where any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Cithes, Pensions, Porcions, Rentcs, profites, or other Hereditamētes by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, will, deuise or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, wer geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to, or for the mainteinaunce, sustentacion or findyng of one priest or of diuerse priests, for terme of certain yercs yet continuyng, and that any priest hath been mainteined, susteined, or found with thesame, or with the reuenues, or profites thereof, within .v. yercs laste past, that the kyng, from thesaid feast of Easter next cōpyng, shall haue and enioy, in euery behaulfe, for, and duryng al suche tyme to come, euery suche, and like thynges, Tenementes, Hereditamētes, profites and emolumentes, as the priest or priests, ought, or should haue had, for, or towarde his, or their mainteinaunce, susteinaunce, or fyndyng, and for no lenger, or further tyme, nor for any other profite,

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aduantage, or commoditie therof to be taken.

Þrouded alwaies, and it is ordeined, and enacted by the authoritie of this present parliament, that when and assone as the tyme assigned, for the mainteinaunce, sustentacion, or findyng of the priest or priestes shalbe expired and runne: that then it shalbe lawfull to euery person, and persones, to whom any manours, landes, tenementes, tithes, porcions, pencions, rentes, and other hereditamentes, or any of them, should haue belonged or apperteigned, if thesaid former acte and this act had neuer been had or made, to entre into, take, perceiue, haue, and enioy the same, without any maner of leuepry, ouster le mayne, petition, or other suite to be made to the kyng, in like maner, forme, and condicion, to all intentes, construccions, and purposes, as though thesaid former acte and this act, had neuer been had, or made, and as though the kyng had neuer had any feason or possession therof: Any thyng in thesaid former acte, or in this acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it ordeined and enacted, by thauthoritie of this present parliament, that the kyng, our souereigne lord, his heires and successors, from thesaid feast of Easter nexte commyng, shall haue, hold, perceiue, and enioy for euer, all landes, tenementes, rentes, and other hereditamentes, whiche by any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, willes, wil deuise, or otherwise, at any tyme heretofore had, made, suffered, knowledged, or declared, wer geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to go, or bee employed wholly to the findyng, or mainteinaunce of any Anniuersary, or Obite, or other like thyng, entent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, in any Churche or chapell, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche hath been kept or maintained, within fiue yerres next before thesaid first day of this present Parliament.

And also, that where but part of the issues or reuenewes of any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or other hereditamentes, hath by any of the waies or meanes abouesaid, been geuen, assigned, or appoynted, to bee bestowed or employed, to the findyng or mainteinaunce of any Anniuersary or Obite, or other like thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, in any Churche, or Chapell, and to haue continuaunce for euer: that then our souereigne lord the king, shall, fro thesaid feast of Easter next commyng, for euer haue, perceiue, and enioy, euery suche summes of money, that in any one yere within fiue yerres nexte before the first date of this present parliament, hath been expended and bestowed about the findyng or mainteinaunce of any suche Anniuersary, or Obite, or other like thyng, intent, or purpose, or of any light or lampe, to him, his heires, and successors, for euer, as a rent charge to bee paid yerely, at the feastes of sainte Michaell Tharchaungell, and Thannunciacion of our Lady saint Mary the Virgin, by euen porcions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions, & reuenewes of his croune, or in any other Court, or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoint.

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And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors, for none payment of any suche summe or summes of money, to distreine in thesaid Manours, Landes, & Tenementes, of the issues and reuenues, whereof thesaid Annuetsary or Obite, or other like thyng, or any suche light or Lampe was founde, sustained, or mainteined. And that for lacke of sufficient distresse, in, or vpon any of the premises, wherof any of thesaid yerely rentes, or summes of money, should be paid by the space of one moneth nexte after, that any of thesaid rentes should be paid, and be not paid within thesaid moneth: that then it shalbe lawfull, to, and for our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires and successors, by vertue of this present acte, to enter into, and to haue, and possede, as muche of the landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, wherof thesaid rent or rentes, should be leuied or paid, as the rente or rentes that should bee leuied or paid out of thesame, dooth or shall amounte or come to, in yerely value, and thesame landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes to holde, and kepe, and haue to our said souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and assignes for euer, or for suche estate, as our souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, or successors, had, or ought to haue had, of, or in thesaid rent, or rentes.

And also it is ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that our souereigne Lorde the kyng, shall, from thesaid feast of Easter nexte commynge, haue, perceiue, and enioye all and syn- gular suche summes of money, profittes, commodities and emolumentes, whiche by vertue of any maner of assuraunce, conueighaunce, composition, will, deuise, or otherwise, heretofore haue been geuen, assigned limited, or appoynted, to haue continuaunce for euer, whiche in any one yere, within fiue yeres nexte befoze the beginnyng of this present Parliament, haue been paid, bestowed, or employed, by any maner of Corporacions, Guildes, Fraternities, Companies, or Fellowshipes of Mysteries or Craftes, or any of them, beyng in Englande, Wales, and other the kynges Dominions, or by the Masters, Wardens, Gouernors, or other Officers, or Ministers, or by the Master, Warden, Gouernor, or other Officer or Minister of theim, or any of theim, toward, or aboute the findyng, maintenaunce, or sustentacion of any prieste, or priestes, of any Annuetsary, or Obite, lampe, light or lightes, or other like thyng, as is aforesaid, to our said souereigne lord the kyng, his heires, and successors for euer. To be paid yerely, as a rent charge, at the feastes of saint Michaell Tharchaungel, and the Annunciacion of our Lady, by euen porcions, in the kynges Courte of the Augmentacions and reuenues of his Crowne, or in any other Courte or Courtes, as the kyng hereafter shall appoynt. And that it shalbe lawfull to our said souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires, and successors, for none payment of any suche summes, or summe of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, or for none payment of any of them, to distreine in all the Manours

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nours, Landes, and Tenementes, of euery suche Craftes, Corporaci-
ons, Gylde, Fraternities, Companies, or Fellowshipes of Miste-
ries, or Craftes, or any of theim, by whom, or by the Masters, Wata-
dens, Gouvernours, or other Officers, or Ministers, or Master, War-
den, Gouvernor, or Minister, of the whiche any suche summes or summe
of money, profite, commoditie, or emolument, haue, or hath been paid
bestowed or employed: And that all and euery of thesaied summes of
money, profit, commodities, and emolumentes, shall, from the feast
of Easter nexte commyng, without any maner of inquisition or office,
to bee had or founde, bee iudged and demed, to bee in the actuall and
reall possession of our saied souereigne Lorde the Kyng, in like maner
and forme, to all intentes, construccions, and purposes, as if thesame
had been particularly and specially mencioned in this present acte.

And furthermore bee it ordeined and enacted by the aucthoritie a-
foresaid, that the Kyng our souereigne Lorde, shall, from thesaied
feaste of Easter nexte commyng, haue, and enioye to hym, his heires
and successours for euer, all Fraternities, Brotherheddes, and Gyl-
des, beyng within the Realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the
Kynge's Dominions: and all Manors, Landes, Tenementes, & other
Hereditamentes, belongyng to them or any of the, other then suche cor-
poracions, Gylde, Fraternities, Companies, and Fellowshipes of
Misteries or craftes, and the Manors, Landes, tenementes, and other
Hereditamentes, perteignyng to thesaied Corporacions, Gylde,
Fraternities, Compaignies, and Fellowshipes of Misteries or Cra-
ftes aboue mencioned: And shall, by vertue of this acte, bee iudged and
demed, in actuall and reall possession of our saied souereigne Lorde
the Kyng, his heires and successours, from thesaied feaste of Easter
next commyng for euer, without any inquisitions or Office, thereof
to be had or founde.

And also bee it ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid,
that our saied souereigne Lorde the Kyng, his heires, and successours,
at his, and their will and pleasure, maie directe his, and their Com-
missions and Commission, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to suche
persones, as it shall please hym: And that thesame Commissioners, or
twoo of theim at the leaste, shall haue full power and aucthoritie, by
vertue of this acte, and of thesaied Commission, aswell to Surueye
all and synguler Laye Corporacions, Gylde, Fraternities, Com-
paignies, and Fellowshipes of Misteries, or Craftes incorporate,
and euery of theim, as all other thesaied Fraternities, Brotherheddes,
and Gylde, within the limites of their Commission, to theim dire-
cted: And all the Euidences, Compolicions, Bookes of Accomptes,
and other wrytynges of euery of theim, to the intent thereby to knowe,
what money, and other thynges, was paid, or bestowed to the findyng
or maintenaunce of any Prieste, or Priestes, Anniverlaie, or Obite,

or other lyke thyng, Light or Lampe, by theim, or any of theim: As also to inquire, searche, and trye, by all suche wayes and meanes, as to theym shalbee thoughte meete, and conueniente, what Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, and other Hereditamentes, Profytes, Commodities, Emolumentes, and other thynges, bee geuen, limited, or appoynted, to oure sayed souereygne Lorde the Kyng by thys acte, wythin the limites of theyr Commission. And also that thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theym at the leaste, by vertue of thys acte, and of the Commission to theym directed, shall haue full power and aucthoritie to assygne, and shall appoynte in euery suche place, where Gynlde, Fraternitie, the Pryeste, or Incumbente of any Chauntrey in esse, the fyrste daye of this present Parliamente, by the foundation, Ordynauce, or fyrste Institution thereof, shoulde, or oughte to haue kepte a Grammer schoole, or a Pryacher, and so hath dooen, sythen the feast of Sainte Michaell the Archaungell laste paste, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, of euery suche Chauntrey, Gynlde, and Fraternitie, to remayne, and continue in succession to a schoole Master, or Pryacher for euer, for, and towarde the keepyng of a Grammer Schoole, or Pryachyng, and for suche Godly intentes, and purposes, and in suche maner and fourme, as thesame Commissioners, or twoo of theym at the leaste, shall assygne or appoynte: And also to make and ordeyne a Vicare, to haue perpetuities for euer, in euery Parishes Church the fyrste daye of thys presente Parliamente, beyng a College, free Chapell, or Chauntrey, or appropriated, annexed, or vnyted, to any College, free Chapell, or Chauntrey, that shall come to the Kynges handes by vertue of thys acte, and to endowe euery suche Vicare sufficiently, haupyng respecte to hys Cure and charge, thesame endowments to bee to euery suche Vicar, and to his successours for euer, withoute any other licence, or graunte of the Kyng, the Bisshope or other Officers of the Diocesse. And also thesayed Commissioners, or twoo of theym at the leaste, shall haue aucthoritie by force of thys acte, to assigne in euery greate Toun, or Parishes, where they shall thynke necessarye, to haue mo Priestes then one, for the ministring of the Sacramentes, wythin thesame Toun, or Parishes, Landes, and Tenementes, belongyng to any Chauntrey, Chapell, or Stipendary Priest, beyng wythin thesame Toun or Parishes, the fyrste daye of this presente Parliamente, to bee to suche persone, and persones, as thesayed Commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, shall assygne, or appoynte to contynue in succession for euer, for, and towarde the sufficiente fyndyng, & mayntenaunce of one, or mo Priestes, wythin thesame Toun or Parishes, as by thesayed Commissioners, or twoo of theym, shalbee thoughte necessarye or conueniente. And aswell to make Ordynances and Rules, concernyng the seruice, vsur, and demeanour of euerye suche Priest, and Schoole Master, as is aforesayed to bee appoynted,

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ted, as also, by what name, or names, he and they, shall from hence-
furthe bee named and called: And also that thesayed Commissyoners,
or twoo of theym at the leaste, shall haue full power, and aucthoritie,
by vertue of thys acte, and of thesayed Commission to theym directed,
to assigne aswell to euery Deane, Master, Warden, Broueste, and o-
ther Incumbente, and Minister of any of thesayed Colleges, free
Chapelles, or Chauntries, beeyng wythin the limites of theyr Com-
mission, whiche hereafter shalbee dissolued or determined by vertue of
thys acte, as to euery Stypendary Prieste, and other Prieste, whose
Salarye, the kynge shalbee intituled vnto, by thys acte, as to euery fe-
lowe and pooze persone, haupng yerely reliefe, out of any of thesayed
Colleges, free Chapelles, or Chauntries, beynge wythin the limites of
theyr Commission, suche seuerall yerely Annuities, Pencions, or other
recompenses, durynge theyr seuerall lyfes, as to thesame Commissio-
ners, or to twoo of theym, shalbee thought mete and conueniente. And
ouer that thesayed Commissioners, or twoo of theym at the leaste, shall
haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of thys acte, and of the
Commission to theym directed, to inquire and trye, by suche wayes and
meanes as they shall thynke mete, and conuenient, what money, profite
and benefite, any pooze persone, or persones, by vertue of any conuey-
ghaunce, assuraunce, composition, wyll, deuylse, or otherwyle, heretofore
had, or made, intended, or meante to haue continuaunce for euer,
had, or enioyed, wythin five yeres, nexte before the begynnyng of thys
present Parliamēte, oute of any College, free Chapell, or Chauntye,
and other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge, by
thys acte, beynge within the limites of their Commission: And thereu-
pon, to make assignementes and orders, in suche maner and forme, as
all and synguler, suche sayed money, profite and commoditie, shalbee
payed to pooze people for euer: Accor dyng to suche sayed assuraunce,
composition, wyll, deuylse, or other thyng, had, or made for thesame, and
to assigne and appoynte, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamen-
tes, percel of the premisses, for the mainteynaunce, and continuaunce of
thesame for euer, and also to appoynte to Fraternities, Brotherhed-
des, and Gylde, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, percell
of the premisses, towarde, & for the maynteynaunce of Biers, Jutties,
walles, or Bankes, agaynst the rages of the sea, Haues, and Creekes.
And that all and synguler Annuities, Pencions, and other recompen-
ses, shalbe haulte yerely payed to the persones, to whom thesame ought
to be payed by the kynges Recepuor, for the tyme beynge, of his Landes
commonly called the suppressed landes, or other his Reuenues, lyng in
the Countye or Cytie, where suche College, free Chapell, or Chauntye,
or other the premisses, geuen, limited or appoynted to the kyng, by this
acte, the fyrst day of this present Parliamēt, were, or remayned, without
any fee, or rewarde, therefore to bee payed: The fyrst payment to begyn
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at the feaste of saint Michael the Archaungel nexte cōmyng. And that euerye suche Receiuour, vpon his accompte, shal haue full and due allowance, of all such Annuities, Pensions, and other recompences, by him payed, by vertue of anye suche assignement to be made, by thesayde Commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste.

And it is ordeined and enacted, by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that thesayde Commissioners, and euerye of them, that shall take vpon hym the execution of anye thesayde Commissions shalbe bounde, as he wyll aunswere before God, to execute the Commission, to hym and other directed, beneficiallye towardes the Deanes, Masters, Wardens, Prouostes, and other Incumbentes, and Ministers aforesayde, and towardes the poore people, concernynge thesayde assignementes, and also towardes the maintenance of Dyers, Juttys, Walles, or Bankes, against the rages of the sea, Hauens, and Crikes: And that all maner of assignementes and ordinaūces to be made, by thesayde Commissioners, or twoo of them at the lealie, and certifyed vnder theyr scales, or the scales of twoo of them at the leaste, into the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of hys crowne, or to anye other Courte, or courttes, by the Kynges Maicstie to be made, or assigned, shall, by vertue of this acte, and of thesayde Commissions, be as good and effectuell in the law to all ententes, constructions, and purposes, as though thesame had bene assigned and ordeyned by auctoritie of thys presente parliament, by expresse and apte woordes, termes and sentences.

Provided also, that such Annuities, Pensions, or other recompences, that thesaide Commissioners, or any of them, shall assigne or appoynte, to be payed yerelie, to anye suche Deane, Master, Warden, Gouernour, or other Incumbente, Felowe, or minister, shall not extende to any more clere yerelie value, then suche Deane, Master, Warden, Prouoste, Gouernour, or other Incumbente, Felowe, or minister, or hys predecessor, lawfullie had, or enjoyed in moneye, meate, drinke, liuerye, or allowaūce of thesame yerelye, wythin fyue yeres, nexte before the begynnyng of this presente parliament.

Provided also, that if any of thesayd Masters, wardens, prouostes, gouernours, or other incumbentes, Felowe, or ministers, shal at any tyme hereafter, duringe hys lyfe, be promoted by the Kyng, to anye benefyce, or other spirituall promotion, beinge of a better clere yerelie value, then his sayde Annuitie, or Pension, or other recompence shalbe of: that then the annuities, pension, or other former recompence, that anye such Deane, Master, Wardens, Gouernour, or Prouoste, or other Incumbente, Felowe, minister, that so shalbe promoted, shall haue, shall ymmediatlie after suche promotion had cease, and vterly determine.

And be it ordeined and enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that thesaide Commissioners, or twoo of them at the leaste, to

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whom any Commission, by vertue or meane of this acte, shalbe directed, and deliuered, shalbe bounden vpon the forfaiture, euery of them of a hundred poundes, to make a certificat vnder their Seales, or the Seales of twoo of them at the lease, into thesaide Courte of Chaugmentations, and Reuenues of the Kynges crowne, or into anye other courte; as is aforesayde, within one yere nexte after the Commission to them directed, of all Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, Tithes, Portions, Pensions, Hereditamentes, and recompenses, by thesame Commissioners, or twoo of them, assigned or appoynted to anye of the vses, intentes, or purposes aboue mencioned.

And also be it ordeyned and enacted, by thauctoritie of this presente parliament, that oure Souereigne Lorde the Kyng shall haue and enioye, all suche Gooddes, Cattalles, Iuelles, Plate, Ornamentes, and other moueables, as were, or be the common Gooddes, of euerye suche College, Chauntrye, Freechapell, or stipendarie prieste, belongynge or annexed to the furniture or seruyce of theyr seuerall foundations, or abused of anye of thesayde Corporations, in the abuses aforesayde, the propertie whereof was not altered nor chaunged before the. viii. daye of Decembre, in the yere of our Lorde God. M.CCCC.xlvii.

And it is also ordeined and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present parliamente, that all suche debtes, and Summes of monye, as ought, or shoulde, withoute fraude or couyn, hereafter be payed of the monye or Gooddes of anye of thesayde Colleges, due, or payable, by reason of any contracte, specialtie, or prouiso, had, or made, before thesame. viii. daye, shal trulye and fully be payed by the Tresaurour of the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations, and Reuenues of hys crowne, or by the Tresaurour or Receyuour of anye other Courte, to whiche anye of the premises shalbe appoynted, of the Kynges Treasure, beyng in his, or their handes, with as conueniente speede, as thesame maye be payed.

Provided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that thys Acte, or anye article clause, or matter conteyned in the same, shall not in anye wyse extende to anye College, Hostell, or Haule, beyng within either of the Uniuersities of Cambraydge and Oxfourde, nor to anye Chauntrye founded in any of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Haules, beyng in thesame Uniuersities, nor to the Freechapell of Saint George the Martyr, situate in the Castell of Windesore, nor to the College, called Saint Marpe College of Winchester, besydes Winchester, of the foundation of Bishoppe Wykeham, nor to the College of Eton, nor to the Parryshe Church, commonlye called the Chapell in the Sea in Newton, within the Isle of Elye, in the Countie of Cambraydge, nor to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to them, or to anye of them perteynyng or belongynge, nor to anye Chapell made, or ordeyned, for the ease of the people, dwellingynge

lynge distaunte from theyr Parryshe Churche, or suche lyke Chapel, whereunto nomore Landes, or Tenementes, then the Churche payde, or a lytell House, or Close dothe belonge or pertygne, nor to anye Cathedral Church, or College, where a Bishoppes see is, within this Realme of Englande, or in Wales, nor to the Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes of anye of them, other then to suche Chauntries, Obites, Lightes, and Lampes, or any of them, as at anye tyme, wythin fyue yeres nexte before the begynnynge of thys presente Parliamente, haue bene had, vled, or mainteyned, within the sayde Cathedral Churches, or within anye of them, or of the pssues, Reuenues, or profettes of anye of the sayde Cathedral Churches, to whiche Chauntries, Obites, Lyghtes, and Lampes, it is enacted by chauthoritie aforesayde, that this Acte shall extende.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that our souereigne lord the kynge, at any tyme, duringe hys lyfe (whiche God longe preserue) may at his will and pleasure, alter and chaunge the name or names of all and singuler Chauntries, and the foundations of the same, beyng in anye of the Colleges, Hostelles, or Halls of any of the sayde Vniuersities, accordynge as to hys godlye wisdomes shall be thoughte mete and conueniente.

Sauynge to all and euery persone and persones, bodie politique and corporate, theyr Heyres, and Successours, and the Heyres and Successours of euery of them, other then Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Gouernours, Rulers, Priestes, Incumbentes, Felowes, and Brethren of the sayd Colleges, Chauntries, Freechapelles, and other the premisses, geuen, limyted, or appoynted to the kynge by this Acte: And the Successours of them, and euerye of them, and other then suche as be, or pretende to be, Foundors, Patrones, or Donors of the premisses, or anye of them, or of anye parte or percell thereof, and the Heires, Successours, and assignes, of euerye, or anye of them: And other then such, as be, or were Feoffees, Recouerers, Conisles, Graunters, or Deuisees of anye of the premisses, to, or for anye of the vles, purposes, or ententes aboue mencioned, or to the vse of anye of the sayd Colleges, Freechapelles, Chauntries, or other the premisses, geuen, limited, or appoynted by thys Acte to the kynge, or to the entente to employe the Rentes or profyttes thereof, to the vse of the Masters, Rulers, Incumbentes, or Ministers of them, or of anye of them: And other then suche person, or persones, and bodie politique and corporate, their Heires, Successours, and assignes, as claime, or pretende to haue any estate, righte, title, interest, vse, possession, or condition, of, in, or to the premisses, or anye parte or percell thereof, by reason of anye Feoffemente, fyne, bargayne, and sale, or by anye other wayes, meanes or couerghaunce, to them made of any estate of inheritance,

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Without thesaide late Kynges licence, assente, consente, or agremente, and without the licence, assente, consent, or agremente, of the Kynges Maiestie that now is, by anye of thesayde Deanes, Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Gouernours, Rulers, Priests, or Incumbetes, or by the Foundours, Donors, or Patrones of them, or of anye of them, all such Righte, Title, Clayme, Possession, Interest, Rentes, Annuities, Commodities, Commos, Offices, Fees, Leases, Lperties, Liupnges Pensions, Portions, Debtes, Duties, and other profittes, which they, or any of the lawfully haue, or of right oughte to haue, or might haue had, in, of, or to any of the premises, or in, of, or to anye parte or percell therof, in such lyke maner, fourme, & condition, to all ententes, respectes, constructiōs & purposes, as yf this acte had neuer bene had nor made, and as though thesayde Chauntries, Colleges, and other thesayde promotions, had stille continued and remayned in their full beyng: And sauynge to all and euery Patrone, Donour, Foundor, or Geuour of anye iuche College, Chauntry, freechapell, Stipendarye Priests, and other, the premises, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kyng by this acte, and the donor, feoffor, and geuer of the aforesayde Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, to them, or anye of them, or to anye vles, or purposes befoze mencioned, all suche Rentes, Seruices, Rentes secke, Rentes charge, Fees, Annuities Profittes & Offices: and also leases for terme of lyfe, lyfes, & yeres, wherupon the accustomed rente, or moze, is reletued, as they, or anye of them lawfullye had, perceyued, and enioyed, in, oute, or of anye thesayde Promotions, or out of anye of thesayde Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, befoze the firste daye of this present parliamente.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliamente, that all and euery person, and persones, beyng in lyfe, whiche haue, or hathe for anye Summe of moneye to hym, or them payed, bargained or solde, any Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes aforesayde, whereunto the Kyng oure Soueraigne lord is intituled by vertue of thys Acte, shall repaye to suche perion, as so bought any of thesayde Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, or to his Executours, or assignes, vpon a requeste therfore made, or wythin thre monethes then nexte ensuynge thesame requeste, asmuche moneye, as he, or they receyued for the sale of the thyng, so by hym or them solde. And for none Payment thereof, suche perion and persones as purchasid, or bought the sayde Landes, Tenementes, and other the premises, or anye percell therof, and their Executours, and Administratours, shalbe enhabled by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, to sue, and mainteygne an action of Debte, at the comon lawes of this Realme, agaynst the persone, or persones, as so bargained or solde to hym, or them, or to their

to their Testator anye of the premises, belongynge to anye Colledge, Chauntrye, freechapell, or other Promotion spirituall, in whiche action of Debte, none essoyne, protection or waget of lawe shalbe admitted, or allowed.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all, and euerye of thesayde Chauntries, Colleges, and freechapelles, & other the premises, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kyng by this acte, and all the Mannors, Houses, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, and Hereditamentes, and other the premises whatsoeuer they be, geuen, limited, and appoynted to the Kyng by thys acte, and euerye parte and percell of them, which by aucthoritie and vertue of this acte, bene bested, adiudged, and demed, or shalbe in the Kynges Majestyes possession and handes, or which the Kyng shalbe entituled vnto, by vertue of thys acte, shalbe in the order, Suruay and gouernaunce, of our Soveraigne Lorde the Kynges Courte of the Augmentations and Reuenues of his crowne, or in such other Courte, as the Kyng at any tyme hereafter shal assigne, name, or appoynte, and so shal, and maye be graunted, letten and set to farme by the Chauncellour, Officers, and Ministers of thesame Courte, or of anye other Courte so to be appoynted, in suche maner and forme, as other Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, appoynted to thesame Courte of Augmentations, and Reuenues of hys graces crowne, or other Courte so to be appoynted, bene to be graunted or letten: And that all the Farmes, Pssues, Reuenues and profyttes, commynge and growynge of thesame premises, and of euerye parte thereof, shalbe taken and receyued to the Kynges vse, by the Officers, and Ministers of thesame Courte, or Courtes, in suche manner and fourme, as is vsed and had of other Mannours, Landes, and Tenementes, and of the Pssues, Reuenues and profyttes of thesame, committed to the order, rule, suruay, and gouernaunce of thesayde Courte of the Augmentations and Reuenues of the Kynges crowne, or anye other Courte so to be appoynted: any Acte, Statute, Ordinaunce, Custome, or vse, heretofore had, made, or vled, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And it is further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye of thesayde Masters, Wardens, Ministers, Rulers, Gouernours, Priests, Incumbentes, or owners of anye suche Colledge, Chauntrye, freechapell, or of anye the premises, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the Kyng, by thys Acte, or of anye of them, sythens the .xxiii. daye of November, in the .xxxvii. yere of the reigne of thesayde late Kyng, haue made anye lease, vnder his, or theyr common Seale, or otherwyle, for terme of yeres, lyfe, or lyfes, of the sayde Colleges, Chauntries, freechapelles, or of other thesame premises, or of anye parte thereof, or of anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Possessions, or Hereditamentes,

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tamentes, whatſoeuer they be, to them, or to anye of them vnyted, or annexed, belongynge, or apperteynyng, vpon the which leaſes, the vsuall and olde Rentes and fermes, accustomed to be yelden and reſerued, or moze, by the ſpace of twentye yerres nexte before theſayde xxiii. daye of Nouembze not reſerued and yelden, ſhalbe vtterlye voyde, and of none effecte: And that all other leaſes, and grauntes, heretofore made of anye the premyſſes, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge, by thys Acte, ſhalbe as good, auayleable, and effectuell in the lawe, to all ententes, conſtructions, and purpoſes, as yf this Acte hadde neuer bene had or made, anye thyng in this Acte, or anye other Acte heretofore had or made, to the contrarye thereof in anye wyſe notwithstandinge.

Provyded allwayes, and be it further ordeyned and enacted, by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that thys Acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not extende to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Poſſeſſions, or Hereditamentes, whyche theſayde Maſters, Wardens, Miniſters, Chauntrye Priſtes, Incumbentes, or other theſayde Gouvernours, Officets, Miniſters, or Rulers of the premyſſes, or of anye of them, haue, or is, or hereafter ſhall haue, or be poſſeſſed, or ſeaſed of in fee ſimple, fee tayle, generall or ſpeciall, for terme of lyfe, terme of yerres, or otherwyſe, to hys, or theyr awne proper vſes, by inheritaunce, or purchaſe: And not beyng at anye tyme vnyted, or annexed, to hys, or theyr ſayde Colleges, Freechapelles, Chauntries, or other the premyſſes, geuen, limited, or appoynted to the kynge by thys Acte: Nor ſhall extende to anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, Poſſeſſions, Rentes, Annuities, or percelle pention, or pentions, or to anye percelle Summe, or Summes of moneye, beyng not vnyted, or percell of anye theſayde Colleges, and other the premyſſes aforeſayde, or of anye of them, heretofore geuen, or graunted by theſayde late kynge, or geuen, or graunted, or hereafter to be geuen or graunted by the kynge oure Souereygne Lord, to anye of theſayde Deanes, Maſters, Wardens, Miniſters, Chauntrye priſtes, Incumbentes, Gouvernours, or Rulers of the premyſſes, or of anye of them, for terme of lyfe onelye, vnder hys greate Seale of Englande, or vnder the Seale of the Courte of the Augmentations, and Reuenues of the kynges crowne, or anye other of the kynges Seales, of anye of hys Courtes: anye thyng conteyned in thys Acte, to the contrarye in anye wyſe notwithstandinge.

Provyded alwaye, and be it enacted by auctorite aforeſayde, that aſwell, all, and euerye Patrone, Donour, Foundor and geuer of anye of theſaid Promotions, or Premyſſes, or Geuer, Donor, or Feoffor, of anye their Landes, Tenementes, Poſſeſſions, or other Hereditamentes, as all,

as all, and euery persone and persones, bodyes politique and corporate, whiche befoze the makynge of thys Acte, lawfullye, withoute fraude, or couyn, had, or enioyed, anye manner of Rente, or other perelpe profy-tes, to be taken, perceyued or had, of anye Chauntries, Colleges, freechapelles, or other the premysse, geuen, limyted, or appoynted, to the Kyng by thys Acte, or oute of anye Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions of them, or anye of them, shall haue and enioye the same, in lyke manner and fourme, as they shoulde, and oughte to haue done, yf thesayde Colleges, Chauntries, freechapelles, and other the premysse, geuen, limyted, or appoynted to the Kyng by thys Acte, had styll remayned and contynued in esse, and full byng: Any thyng in thys Acte mencioned, to the contrarpe in anye wyse notwithstandinge.

Prōvided also, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf anye suche Gouvernour, Ruler, Wardeyn, Master, Incumbente, Minister, or other, hauynge anye of thesayde spirituall Promotions, or Incumbentes, haue, or shall compounde, for the fyrste fructes of anye suche spirituall Promotions, accordynge to the Lawes, and Statutes of thys Realme, and the dayes of payement of anye parte thereof, not expyred befoze the fyrste daye of thys Parliamente, that all Summes of moneye so to be due and payable, sithens thesayde fyrste daye of this Parliamente, shall cease, and be not payed, asked, or demaunded: any bonde, recognisaunce, suertie, or other thyng, had or made, to the contrarpe notwithstandinge.

Prōvided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all suche Rentes, Seruices, Illues, Profytes, and other Summes of money, payable oute of, or for any of the premysse, or any of them, in the Kynges courte of hys Exchequer, shall continue, and be continual-lye and perelpe leuyed, chardged, or payed, in thesame Courte, in suche manner and fourme, as heretofore hath bene vsed: anye lawe Customs, vnitie of possession in the Kynges hyghnes, or other thyng to the contrarpe notwithstandinge: And as though thesayde Promotions, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and other the premysse had not come to the Kynges handes or possession.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery letters patentes, made by thesayde late Kyng Henry the eichte, or by the Kynges Maestie that nowe is, or hereafter to be made by hys hyghnes to anye persone or persones, or to anye Archebysshoppe, or Bysshoppe, of anye of thesayde Colleges, Chauntries, freechapelles, or other the premysse, or anye parte or percell of them, or of anye Landes, Tenementes, or Hereditamentes, belongynge, or apperteynyng, or that dyd belonge, or apperteigne to them, or any of them: And all fy-nes, Wyffes, Grauntes, feoffementes, Recoueryes, & all other assuraun-ces, and

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ces, and conueighaunces thereof had, or made, by the assente, consente, or licence, vnder the grate Seale of Englande, of thesayde late Kyng Henry the eighte, or the Kynges Maiestie that now is, to anye person, or persones, bodyes politique, or corporate, by anye Chauntrye priest, Master, Wardeyn, minister, ruler, gouernour, or other, hauyng anye of thesayde Promotions, or anye of thesayde Colleges, Chauntries, Freechappelles, or other the premisses, or of anye of them, or of anye parte, percell, or membre of thesame, shall stande and be in their forces, and effectes, and shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe, for suche estates and interestes, geuen, graunted, limited, or appoynted, in anye of the gyftes, grauntes, assuraunces, or conueyghaunces thereof had, or made, accordyng to the purpotes, fourme and matter, and accordyng to the true intente & meanyng of thesame assuraunces, and shalbe by aucthoritye of this Acte, good, perfect, and auailable, aswell against the Kyng, his heires, and Successours, as agaynst thesayde Chauntrye priestes, Wardeyns, Masters, Rulers, Gouernours, and other, hauyng anye of thesayde Promotions, and theyr Successours, and the Successours of euerye of them: as also agaynst the foundors, donors, and patrones of thesame, and the ordinarie of them, and euery of them, and the heires, and Successours of euerye of them: anye lawe, statute, ordinaunce, or other thyng, to the contrarye thereof notwithstandinge.

And where dyuers and sundrye Byschoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Tresaurours, Prebendaries, Chauntrye priestes, Masters, Provoostes, Rulers, Gouernours of any Deaneries, Archdeaneries, Tresaurourshippes, Prebendes, Freechappelles, Chauntries, or Colleges, within thys Realme of England, and other the Kynges Maiesties Dominions, or anye of the patrones, foundors, donors of anye of the Byschoppiches, Tresaurourshippes, Deaneries, Chauntries, Freechappelles, or other thesayde Spirituall promotions, of theyr voluntarie wylls, or myndes, for dyuers good and reasonable causes and considerations, by deede, or deedes entolled, or by other wytynges, or conueyghaunces, haue heretofore geuen and graunted to the late Kyng of famous memoire, Henry the eyghte, late Kyng of Englande, and to his heires, or to ourte Soueraigne Lorde the Kyng that nowe is, and to his heires, dyuers of theyr Deaneries, Archdeaneries, Tresaurourshippes, Prebendes, Chappelles, Chauntries, and Colleges, or anye other Ecclesiasticall or Spirituall Promotions, laste befoze remembred: And all, or some parte of the Mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, pensions, annuities, rentes, reuertions, and other reuenewes, hereditamentes, possessions, emolumentes and profittes, to thesame Byschoppiches, Deaneries, Archdeaneries, Tresaurourshippes, Prebendes, Chappelles, Chauntries, Colleges, and other lyke Promotions, benefices, offices, and dignities, or to any of them, belongyng, appertenyng, vnto,

ted, or annexed, or whiche the sayde Bishoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasaurours, Chaütrey Priests, Masters, Prouostes, Rulers, Gouernours, and other ecclesiasticall or spirituall officers, or ministers, or anye of the sayde Patrones, donoys, or foundoys, or anye of theim, had or enioyed in the righte, or by reason of any of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities.

Be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery gistes and graunces, heretofore made to the sayde late Kyng, and to hys heires, or to oure souereygne lord the Kyng that now is, and to hys heires, by anye Archebischoppe, Bischoppe, Deane, Archdeacon, Treasaurour, Prebendarie, Master, Prouost, Gouernour, or other the sayde ecclesiasticall or spirituall person, or persones, or by any patrones, donoys, or foundoy of any of the sayde Deaneries, Chaütreyes, or other of the sayde spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, or of all, or any of the Mannours, landes, tenementes, tithes, rentes, reuertions, pensions, portions, annuities, or other hereditamentes, Reuenues, emolumentes, profites, or commodities, to any of the sayde benefices, offices, prebendes, promotions, or dignities belonging, apperteynyng, vnted, or annexed, or whiche anye of thesame Archebischoppes, Bishoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasaurours, Masters, Prouostes, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, officers, or ministers, patrones, foundoys, or donoys, had, or enioyed, or haue, or enioye, or ought to haue, or enioye, in the righte, or by reason, or meanes of anye of thesame promotions, offices, or dignities, shalbe good and effectuell in the lawe, to all ententes and purposes: Saunge, to all and euery person, and persons, and bodyes politique and corporate, their heires, Successours, and assignes, and to the heires, Successours, and assignes of euery of them, other then the Archebischoppes, Bishoppes, Deanes, Archdeacons, Treasaurours, Prebendaries, Rulers, Gouernours, Wardens, Prouostes, Senours, and grauntoys of any of the Premises, and their heires, Successours, and assignes, and other then suche ecclesiasticall or spirituall persones, bodyes politique or corporate, as are, or pretende to be foundoys, donoys, patrones, or ordinaries of the premises, or anye of them, all suche rightes, titles, interestes, claimes, entrees, rentes, reuertions, remaynders, fees, offices, annuities, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, profites, commodities, and emolumentes, as they or anye of theim haue, or shoulde, or oughte to haue had, of, in, or to the premises nexte aboue mencioned, or anye parte thereof, as if thys acte had neuer bene had, or made: any thyng in thys acte, to the contrarye in anye wyse notwithstandinge.

Provided alwayes, that thys Acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in anye wyse extende, to make good or effectuell, anye gyfte, graunte, bargayne, sale or alienation, made by anye Person, or Vicare,

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of their personages, or vicarages, or of anye parte or percell thereof, or of anye thyng, to them, or anye of them belonging, or apperteynyng.

Provided also, that this Acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, shall not in anye wise extende, to hynder or prejudice George Brooke knyghte, Lorde Cobham, hys heires, or assignes, for, or concernyng the late Colledge of Cobham, in the Countie of Kente, or the Mannors, landes, tenementes, or possessions thereof: Anye thyng aboue mentioned to the contrarye, in anye wise notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this present Acte, or anye thyng therein conteyned, shall in anye wise extende, or be prejudiciall, or hurtfull to the generall incorporation of anye Citie, Borrough, or Towne, within this Realme, or anye other the kynges Dominions, ne shall extende to anye the landes or hereditamentes, of them, or any of them: anye thyng herein conteyned, to the contrarye, in anye wise notwithstandinge.

Provided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all suche of the sayde Colleges, frechappelles, Chauntries, and other the premises, beyng appointed and geuen to the kynges highnes, by the auctoritie of this acte, as be within the Duchie of Lancaster, and all Mannors, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, perteynyng, or belongyng to the same Colleges, frechappelles, and chauntries, shall, after the sayde feast of Easter nexte comyng, be within the suruaye and order of the Courte, of the Duchie of Lancaster, in suche maner and fourme, as other the premises be assigned, or appointed by auctoritie of this Acte, to be in the suruaye and order of the Courte of the Augmentations and reuenues of the kynges Crowne, or other Courte by the kyng to be assigned: And that all commissions, that hereafter shall be awarded by vertue and force of this Acte, concernyng suche Colleges, frechappelles, Chauntries, and other the premises, as be within the sayde Duchie of Lancaster, shall be awarded vnder the great seale of Englande, and shall be certified into the same Courte of the duchie of Lancaster: anye thyng abouesayde, to the contrarye in anye wise notwithstandinge.

Provided allwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this Acte ne anye thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to the Colledge, or Chauntrie of Atilbourghe, in the Countie of Norfolke, whiche the sayde late kyng Henry the eighte, gaue to Robarte, late Earle of Suffex, and to hys heires: But that Henry, now Earle of Suffex, sonne and heire to the sayde late Earle, hys heires and assignes, shall, and maye, by the auctoritie of this Acte, haue and enioye the sayde Colledge, and Chauntrie, and all Mannours, landes, tenementes, aduousons, tithes, pensions, portions, & other hereditamentes thereunto

thereunto belonginge, or apperteynyng: Any thyng in thys Acte, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

Provided allwaye, and by the auctoritie aforesayde be it enacted, that the kynges Maiestie, at any tyme, when it shal seme to hym good, maye geue auctoritie to certayne hys graces Commissioners, to alter the nature and condition of all maner of obites, aswell within the vniuersities of Cambridge and Oxfourde, as in any other place, within thys hys graces Realme of Englande, and Wales, beyng not suppressed, ne admylitate by vertue of thys present Acte, and thesame obites so altered, to dispose to a better vse: as to the relief of some poore men beyng students, or otherwise.

Provided also, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that it shall not be lesfull to any person, or persons, bodyes politique or corporate, by reason of anye Remainder, vse, or condition, to enter into, clayme, or chalenge any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, for the none doyng, not naminge, or none findinge of anye suche Priest, or Priestes, or poore folkes, as is aforesayde, Obite, Annuierarie, lighte, or lampe, from hensfurth to be founden or done: any thyng herein conteyned, to the contrary in any wise notwithstandinge.

Provided allwayes, that thys acte, nor anye thyng therein conteyned, shall in any wise extende to any landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer, that anye Master, Deane, Prebendarie, Wardeyn, or Chauntrye, or any stipendarie Priest of anye College, Chauntrye, Prebende, Fraternitie, Gilde, or anye other corporatiōs, haue, or helde, of any person, or persons, by copie of Courte Rolle, or at will, accordyng to the custome of anye Manor, or Manors: nor geue or graunte anye copyholde landes, to the kynges hyghnes.

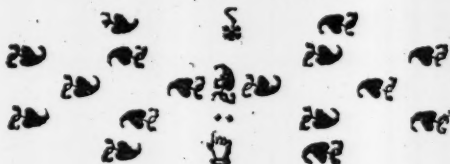
And also provided, that the kynges highnes, hys heires, or Successours, shall not in any wise haue, holde, enioye, or take by vertue of thys acte, or any article therein conteyned, anye manner of copyholde landes, tenementes, possessions, or hereditamentes whatsoeuer they be: But that all, and euery of the sayde persons, and incumbentes, shall haue, holde, and enioye thesame, durynge their lifes, towarde their pension and yerely lyvynge: payng the rentes, and doyng their customes and seruices, therof due and accustomed, anye thyng in thys acte, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided, that thys acte shall not extende to anye landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, assigned, appoynted, or intended for the findinge, or mayntenaunce of anye Chaunterie prieste, or stipendarie Priest, whyche by any former righte, and good title, without fraude or couyn, were lawfully recovered from the possession of any such Chauntrye prieste, or stipendarie prieste, before the firste daye of October, the

sayde. xxxvii. yere of the reygne of the sayde late kynge Henry the. viii: whiche landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, were not charged, nor chargeable to the paymente of the perpetuall Tenthe: Any thyng in thys acte, to the contrary hereof notwithstandinge.

Provided allwaie, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler grauntes, licences, Confirmations, and letters patentes, whiche our late souereygne lord kynge Henry the. eighth, or our souereygne lord the kynge that now is, haue made vnder the great seale of Englande to any person, or persons, bodies politique or corporate, of anye College, Chapelle, or Chauntrie, now beyng in esse, or standyng, or now not beyng in esse, or not standyng, or of anye Lordshippes, Mannours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongyng or apperteynyng to anye College, Chapelle, or Chauntrie, now beyng in esse, or standyng, or now not beyng in esse, or not standyng, or of any other thyng, or thynges, mencioned, or expressed in thys acte: And all and euery matter and thyng mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any suche graunte, licence, confirmation, or letters patentes, shall from hencefurth, be demed, taken, expounded, and adiudged good and effectually in the lawe, accordyng to the woordes, sentences, meanynges, ententes, forme and effectes of thesame grauntes, licences, confirmations, and letters patentes, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thys acte, and the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the sayde late kynge Henry the. viii, had neuer bene had nor made. And that thys acte, or the sayde acte made in the sayde. xxxvii. yere of the reygne of our sayde late souereygne lord kynge Henry the. viii. or any clause, article, sentence, or other thyng therein conteyned, shall not extende to any Colleges, Chappelles, Chauntries, or other thyng or thynges, mencioned in thys acte, now beyng in esse, or standyng, or now not beyng in esse, or not standyng, or to any Mannours, landes, tenementes, possessions, reuenues, or hereditamentes, annexed, vnited, belongyng or apperteynyng to any College, Chappell, Chauntrie, or other thyng mencioned in thys acte, now beyng in esse, or standyng, or now not beyng in esse, or not standyng, or to any other thyng, or thynges, mencioned or expressed in thys acte: whiche any person or persons, bodies politique or corporate, haue had, or obteyned by the assent, licence, confirmation, graunt, or letters patentes, of the sayd late kyng, or of the kynges Maiestie that now is: Nor shall extende to anye Mannours, landes, tenementes, reuenues, possessions, hereditamentes, or other thyng or thynges, mencioned, expressed or conteyned in any such licence, confirmation, graunte, or letters patentes: But that euery suche person and persons, bodies politique and corporate, their heires and Successours, and assignes, and the heires, Successours, and assignes

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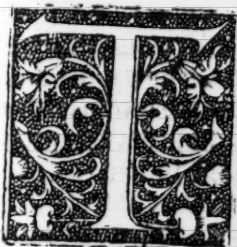
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EXCVSVM LONDINI,
IN AEDIBVS RICHARDI
GRAFTONI, TYPO-
GRAPHI REGII.

Anno salutis humane.
M.D.XLVIII.

*Cum Privilegio ad Im-
primendum solum.*

AN ACTE CONCERNING THE KIN-
GES MOOST GRATIOVS GE-
N^{ER}ALL PARDON.



The kynges moost royall Maiestie, right well perceauynge hys loupng subiectes, by many & sundry wates and meanes, to haue bozne and susteyned the great aduentures, charges and busynes of warres, and defences of this hys Realme, aswell in the tyme of hys mooste dere father kyng Henry the VIII. as in hys tyme & reigne, entendyng of his clemency and pitie, to gratifie his sayd subiectes, with hys gracious fre and liberall Pardon, accordyng to his kingly power, trustyng assuredly, that hys sayd subiectes will contynue his loupng & assured obedient subiectes, and hereafter in suche sorte obeie hys highnes lawes and statutes, as to them, and euery of them, of right apperteigneth: is fully and resolutely contented and pleased, that it be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, in maner & forme folowynge, that is to saye, that all and euery of his sayd subiectes, aswell spiritual as temporall, of this his Realme of Englad, Wales, the Isles of Iernesse and Garnesey, Barwyck, Caleys, Guylnes, Hammes, Bolleyn & Wallonors, & the marches of the same, the heires successors, executors & administrators of the and euery of theim, and all & singuler bodyes, in any maner of wise corporate, Cities, Borroughes, Shires, Riddinges, Hundreides, Lathes, Rapes, Wapetakes, Townes, Villages and Tithynge, and euery of the, and the Successor, & Successors of euery of them, shalbe, by the auctoritie of this present Parliamente, acquted, pardoned, released and discharged agaynst the Kynges highnes, hys heires, successors, and executors, and euery of them, of al maner of treasons, herespes, felonies, robberyes, offences, cōtemptes, trespasses, wroges, deceiptes, misdoemeanours, forsaictures, penalties, & profites, summes of money, peynes of death, peynes corporall and pecuniary, and al other thynges, causes, querelles, lutes, iudgementes and execucions, which maye be, or can be, by hys highnes in any wyse, or by any meane pardoned, before, and vnto the .xxv. day of December, in the yere of our lord God a.D. CCCC. xlvij: Other then suche as hereafter in thys acte be excepted or forprised, in suche maner and forme, & vnto such tymes as they be excepted or forprised in thys acte: and other then suche as the clauses of prouiso, hereafter mencioned, docth extend vnto. And also the kynges highnes, is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted, by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, that this his sayde fre Pardon, shalbe as good and effectual in the law, to euery of his said subiectes, bodyes corporate, and other befoze reherfed, and to euery of them, by the sayd general wordes befoze reherfed, in all thynges, which

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be not hereafter in thys present Acte, excepted oz forpyrised, as thesame Pardon should haue bene, if all offences, cōtemptes, forsaictures, causes, matters, lites, querelles, iudgemētes, execucions, penalties, and all other thynges not hereafter excepted, nor cōteyned in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, had bene particularly, singulerly, specially, & plainly named, reherled and specified, and also pardoned by proper and expresse wordes and names, in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite, to haue bene put in, and expresse in thys present Acte of fre Pardon: and that his sayd subiectes, nor any of them, nor the heyres, executozs, oz administrators of any of them nor any of the sayd bodyes corpozate, nor any other persones, bodyes pollitique oz corpozate before named, oz any of thē, be, nor shalbe sued, vexed oz inqwycted in their bodies, gooddes, lādes, oz cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, cōtempt, mildemeamor, forsaicture, trespasse, offence oz any other thyng, suffered, done oz committed agaynst his highnes, his crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawe, oz statutes, but onely for suche matters, causes and offences, as be reherled in the exceptiōs and clauses of prouiso, in this present acte hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and forme, as in thesame exceptiōs and clauses of prouiso be mencioned, & for none other: any statute oz statutes, lawes, customes, vles, oz presidēt heretofore had, made oz vled, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

Also the kynges highnes, of his bounteous liberalitie, by aucthorite of this present Parliament, graunteth and frely geueth, to euery of hys sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayde bodyes corpozate & other before reherled, and to euery of them, all suche gooddes, cattalles, debtes, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forsaictures, and summes of money, by any of them forseypted, which to his highnes do, oz should belong oz apperteign, by reason of any offence, contempt, trespasse, mildemeanor, matter, cause oz querel, suffered, done oz cōmitted by thē, oz any of thē, which be not hereafter forpyrised, oz excepted in this present Acte: and that all and euery the kynges sayd subiectes, & all & synguler bodyes corpozate, and other before reherled, maye by hym oz them selfe, oz by his oz their deputie, oz deputies, oz by his oz their attorney, oz attornies, accordyng to the lawes of thys Realme, pleade and minister thys present Acte of fre Pardon, for his oz their discharge, of, and for euery thyng, that is by vertue of this present Acte pardoned, discharged, geue oz graūted, wout any fee oz other thyng, in any wyse payng to any person, oz persons, for wrytyng oz entrie of the iudgement, oz other cause cōcernyng suche plea, wrytyng oz entrie, but onely .xii. d., to be payde to the officier oz clerke, that shal entre the plea, matter oz iudgemente, for the discharge of any the partie so pleadyng thesame: any statute oz vse, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandinge.

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it be enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that his sayd free Pardon, by the general wordes before rehearsed, shalbe reputed, deemed and adiudged, allowed and taken, in all maner of courtes, and els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of excepcions & forpyles specified in thys present acte, as in all and singuler other clauses, wordes and sentences, incencioned & rehearsed in this his sayd free Pardon, moost beneficially and auapleably, to all and singuler his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehearsed, and to euery of theim, in all thinges ambiguous or doubtfull, and mooste strongely in Barre, and discharge agaynst his highnes, his heires, successors, and executors in euery thing, without any obstacle, challenge or other delaye, whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleded, objected, or alledged by the kynge our souereygne lord, his heires, successors, or executors, or by his, or any of their generall attornei, or attorneys, or by anye person, or persons, for hys highnes, or any of hys heires, successors, or executors.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, & if any officier or clerke, of any of hys highnes courtes, commonly called the kynges Bench, Chauncery and Common place, or of his Exchequer, or anye other officier or clerke of any other Court, within this Realme or in Wales, or other the kynges dominions aboue mencioned, at any tyme, after the .xx. daye of January next commyng, which shalbe in the yere of oure lord God, a. D. CCCC. xlviij, make out, or write out any maner writtes, or other proccesse, or any extractes, sommons or other preceptes, whereby anye of the sayd subiectes, or any of the said bodies corporate, or other before rehearsed, or any of the, shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distreyned, summoned, or otherwise vexed, inquyeted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, gooddes, or cattalles, or in any of the, for, or because of any maner of thynge pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offending, & therof lesfully condempned, shal yeilde & pay for the recompense therof, to the partie so greued or offended, treble damages, to be accompted, as percell of the damages and costes of the sute: and neuerthelesse, all and singuler suche writtes, proccesse, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpon any maner thynge pardoned, or discharged by this present acte of free Pardon, shalbe utterly void, & of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forpysed out of this generall and free Pardon, all and all maner of high treasons, petit treason, and misprision of treason, done, committed, or perpetrated, in any of the partes beyonde the sea, and all and al maner of treason, done, or committed in any other place, by anye person, or persones, by anye ouert dede, whereby any bodely hurt or harme shal come, or be done to the kynges onely person, and all lutes, punishmentes, executions, forfayctures and penalties for, or by reason or occasiō of any of thesame treasons, before excepted.

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And excepted all pzeperfed and voluntary murders, and also except all titles of actions, of quare impedit, all raiſhmētes, and withholding of the kynges wardes, and wardes landes, and the profites of theſame, at any tyme growen to the kinges handes, or to any of his noble progenitors, and not yet diſcharged: al waſtes of the kynges wooddes, alwel in parkes, foreſtes, chaſes, & els where: & al ſummes of money graunted or promiſed to be payed, by waye or meane of beneuolence, or contribucio not payed and cōtented: and all and ſinguler debtes, other then debtes growen vpon recogniſaunces, beyng already forſaicted, for ſuertie of p̄ peace, good abearp̄ng, or for none apparaūce at any daye or place. And excepted and forpyſed out of this Pardōn, al maner of accomptes, and all accions, ſutes and impetitions for theſame, and all arterages of accomptes and debtes, due for theſame. And alſo, excepted all homages, lpuerpes & relieſes, rentes, ſeruices and arterages of theſame, not done or not paid. And alſo excepted al debtes, which were due to the kinges highnes, or to the ſayd late kyng of famous memozy, kyng Henry the viij. or to the late kyng Henry the. vij. or to any perſon, or perſons, to p̄ uſe of the kyng our ſouereygne lord, or of his ſayd father, or kyng Henry the. viij. by any condempnacion, recogniſaunce, obligacio, or otherwiſe. And alſo, excepted al and ſinguler forſaictures, beyng due to our ſouereigne lord the kyng, or to the ſayd late kyng, by any penall ſtatute or ſtatutes, which be conuerted into the nature of debte, by iudgement, or by agreement of the oſſer, or, and al forſaictures, and other penalties, & profites, growen, or due by reaſon of any offence, or acte committed, or done, contrary to any ſtatute or ſtatutes, or contrary to the cōmon lawe wherof any ſeſure is made, or any information is geuen in the kinges Exchequer, or any ſute there commenced, and now depending, and not yet determined: Or wherof the kynges highnes, or hys ſayde father, by hyl assigned, or otherwiſe, haue made any gift or assignemēt, to any of p̄ ſeruauntes, of our ſayde ſouereygne lord the kyng, or of his ſayd father or to any other perſon, or perſons.

Alſo, except and forpyſed out of this fre Pardōn, al and al maner of forgyng, counterſeyting, waſhing and clippynge of whatſoeuer money or coyne, currant in this realme, and the byringinge into this realme, of any falſe or counterſeyt money or coyne, made, forged or cōterſeyt out of this realme, and the vttering of any ſuch falſe, or counterſeyt money or coyne, had, made, done, or perpetrated ſithen the. xxvij. day of January laſt paſt, and all and all maner of offences, impetitions, puniſhmentes, forſaictures, peynes of death, iudgemētes & execution for theſame. And alſo, except and forpyſed out of this fre Pardōn, all and ſynghuler fynes to be had, made or payed, by reaſon or meane of any alienacion, had or made of any mānours, lādes, tenemētes, or other hereditamētes without licence, ſithen the ſayd. xxvij. daye of January. Alſo, except and forpyſed out of this fre Pardōn, all and all maner of Manſlaughters, Burgularies,

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Burgularies, Robberies of any person, or persons, in any house, or nere any hygh waye, and wilfull burnynge of houses, and wilful burnynge of Barnes, in which Barnes any corne was, at þe tyme of such burning: and all maner of rauyshmentes of any woman, against her wil, all felonious takynge of any money or gooddes, out of any Church or Chappell, all and all maner of felonyous takynge of any Horse, Geldyng, or Hare, and all maner of Pyracies and offences vpon the sea, had, done committed, or perpetrated, sithen the first day of August last past: And all maner of punishmentes, unpeticions, forsaictures, peynes of death, iudgementes, and execucions for thesame. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and all maner of intrusions, had, made or done, sithen þe sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except & forprised out of this fre Pardon, all & al maner of deceiptes and offences, of all and singuler Honeyers, and other officers, ministers and workemē, of, or in any of the Shyres, within this Realme, and all impeticions and punishmentes for thesame. And except & forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and all maner of decaying of any messuage, cotage or house, and the conuertynge of landes from tyllage vnto pasture, contrary to any statute heretofore had or made. And except and forprised the issues, reuenues & pprofites of al and singuler suche messuages, cotages, houses, and landes, comynge, arysing or growing, sithen the sayd. xxvii. day of January last past. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and singuler collectors, and collector of any subsidy, fiftene, beneuolence or contribution, and other persons whatloeuere, that ought to be accomptait, and the heyres, executors and administrators of euery of them, of, for, & concernynge all maner of debtes, accomptes & arterages of accomptes, and all maner of concelementes of customes and subsidies, and al maner of impeticions, and lutes for thesame. And except and forprised out of this fre Pardon, all and singuler persons and person, beyng the secunde daye of Decēber, in the yere of our lord God. M. CCCC. xlviij. prisoners, or prisoner in the Courte of Londo, and all and singuler persons and person, which at any time, befoze thesame secund day of Decēber, did fflye out of this Realme, into þe parties beyōd the sea, for any treason or misprision of treason. And excepte and forprised oute of this free Pardon, all issues, fynes & amerctamentes assayed, taxed, set, extracted, or entred seuerally, or particularly, extēding to the summe of. C. Shillinges, or aboue: And that all, and singuler other fynes, aswell fynes pro licentia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerctamētes, aswell real as other, which seuerally or particularly extēde not to thesame summe of. C. s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the Shyrie, or not taken to hys charge, extracted, or not extracted, whether they be turned into debt, or not into debt, and not beyng leuied nor receaued by anye Shyrie, or Shyrie, Baplife, mynisters, or other officers, halbe fully, clerely, & plainly pardoned, and discharged

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agaynst the kyng our souereigne lord, hys heyrres and successors, for euer, by thys pzent acte of fre Pardon.

And be it further enacted by þe aucthoritie aforesayd, that in case it be objected, to, or agaynst any Shiref, or Shirefes, or other accōptaūtes in the kynges courte of Erchequer, or in anye other hys courtes, that any Shiref, or Shirefes, or other officers accomptaūt, haue receaued or taken any such fynes, issues or amerciamētes, by this pzent acte pardoned & acquyted: that then euery such Shiref & Shirefes, & other accomptaūtes shalbe discharged, released, pardoned & acquitted thereof by his or their othe, without any further tryal in that behaulfe.

Þrouded allwaye, that this pzent acte of fre Pardon, nor any thyng therin conteyned, in any wise extende to discharge, remit, or acquite any person or persons, for any suche issues, fynes or amerciamētes of one hundzeth shillinges, or vnder, as any Shiref heretofore haue accompted befoze the Barons of the kynges Erchequer, or els where, & payed thesame Issues, fynes, and amerciamētes, vpon hys, or their sayde accompt, determyned to the kynges vse, and hathe hys or their Quietus est, for thesame,

Þrouded allwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this pzent Parliament, that all and euery person and persons, which haue tēded, or ought to sue luyery out of the kynges hādes, of any Māours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamētes whatsoeuer they be, shal sue his or their liuery and liueryes, out of the kinges hādes, of his or their Māours, landes, tenementes and hereditamētes: any article, acte or actes thyng or thynges, in this pzent acte of general and fre Pardon, comprised and specified, to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Þrouyded allwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that it shalbe lefull, to all and euery clerke, and other officier of any of the kynges courtes, to awarde and make wyttes of Capias vrlagatum, at the luyte of the partie pleyntife, to the entent to compel the defendaunt and defendauentes, to make answere to the pleyntyfe, at whose luyte he was outlawed. And that euery person, now beyng outlawed, shal sue a wytte of Scire facias, against the partie, or parties, at whose lute he was outlawed, befoze this Pardon in that behaulfe, shalbe allowed to hym, that so is outlawed,

God saue the Kyng.

*Excusum Londini, in ædibus Richardi Graftoni
Regij Impressoris.*

*Cum Priuilegio ad Imprimendum solum.
Anno domini. M. D. XLVIII.*

